

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Master Plan Implementation Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2021 – 7:00 PM
REMOTE LOCATION

On August 18, 2021, the Master Plan Implementation Committee held a meeting at 7:00 PM remotely from various locations. The Master Plan Implementation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Rodney Dixon. Chairman Dixon acknowledged the Master Plan Implementation Committee Members present were: Chairman Dixon, James Rogers, Joseph Chamberlain, Rita Garbitt, Jack Lynch, Patrick Marshal and Ari Sky – Town Administrator.

In accordance with the Governor’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the August 18, 2021 public meeting of the **Master Plan Implementation Committee** shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. **However, to view this meeting in progress, please go to [facebook.com/lakecam](http://www.lakecam.tv/) (you do not need a Facebook account to view the meeting). This meeting will be recorded and available to be viewed at a later date at <http://www.lakecam.tv/>**

Chairman Rodney Dixon, Master Plan Implementation Committee, explained that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Master Plan Implementation and any other business that needs to come before the Committee. Chairman Dixon introduces Senator Michael Rodrigues and Representative Norman Orral and welcomes them to the meeting.

MEETING WITH SENATOR RODRIGUES AND REPRESENTATIVE ORRALL

Chairman R. Dixon reads into the record the Introduction to the Master Plan and references the Matrix that provides an overview of what needs to be done and the responsible parties.

Senator Rodrigues noted that so many communities are updating their Master Plan and that update just sits on a shelf collecting dust, until it is needed again. He explains in his role as Senator he can serve as a facilitator with any State Agency or Department you need to interface with. He further explains that the Legislature does not make or implement the programs you are going to be looking to utilize, that is under the Executive Branch’s purview. He further noted that he and Representative Orrall will facilitate to ensure that they are actively listening and engaging with you.

Senator Rodrigues spoke about the funding that is available for infrastructure, and there is about 5 billion in American Rescue Plan money that is available for spending. They are engaged in the listening process to get these funds moving. The funding has to be used on one time needs and expenses as it relates to infrastructure. He recommends using that funding to get design and permit work done so that when the Infrastructure Bill passes in the Senate, the funding will go to the projects that are “shovel ready”.

Member R. Garbitt asked about a traffic signal at Bridge Street and Rt. 105. Senator Rodrigues confirmed that there is money in the Transportation Bond Bill. Member A. Sky noted that the Town does not have the design or permits ready to move forward and will work toward that.

Representative Norman Orrall spoke about how MassDOT and a lot of other State Agencies are doing these days. If money is available for these projects, it has to be the worst of the worst and the State is slow to put any traffic signals in. He speaks briefly on the obstacles the Town would have in doing the procurement for design and project right-of-ways to move forward with funding. He also spoke about a Road Safety Audit that was done last winter and some recommendations were for repaving. There is a brief discussion on the intersection of Rt. 105 and Rt. 18 and how the cars are not lined up correctly and that is continues to cause accidents in that intersection. There is discussion on the MassWorks grant program.

There is discussion on the fact that Lakeville has not approved the CPA yet. It is hoped to be placed by the Selectmen on the upcoming Special Town Meeting Warrant. The CPA has failed at the polls twice so far, once in 2006 and again in 2012.

Senator Rodrigues spoke about funding being available for Water and Sewer projects as well, and the major focus is on Broadband access. It is also noted that the American Rescue Plan is encouraging outdoor recreation and Member A. Sky noted that there are a number of potential Park projects. This can be looked at further.

Chairman R. Dixon thanked Senator Rodrigues and Representative Orrall for attending the discussion and provides an open invitation to join Master Plan Implementation Committee Meetings at any time.

INTRODUCTION: New MPIC Member Town Administrator Ari Sky

Chairman R. Dixon introduced the Master Plan Implementation Committee's newest member, Town Administrator Ari Sky.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion made by Member R. Garbitt and seconded by Member J. Rogers, the Master Plan Implementation Committee voted to approve the June 23, 2021 Minutes as presented. Polled Vote: Rodney Dixon - Aye, Joe Chamberlain - Aye, Rita Garbitt – Aye, Patrick Marshall - Abstain, James Rogers – Aye, Jack Lynch – Aye, Ari Sky - Abstain

UPDATE FROM CHAIRMAN DIXON REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES DISTRICT (DOD)

Chairman R. Dixon explained that it has come to the Committee's attention via a comment on Facebook that there needs to be clarification on the DOD. Chairman Dixon stated for the record that the Development Opportunities District (DOD) is still in place and shall remain as part of the Master Plan and will be for the foreseeable future. There are no questions.

DISCUSS THE UPDATES TO THE MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION CHART (The Matrix)

Chairman Dixon referenced his meeting with Ari Sky on Monday and their discussion on the Matrix. There have been changes made to some of the terminology and changes to the responsible parties. He turns the discussion over to Member Ari Sky.

Member A. Sky explained that the main thing right now is to clarify the lead parties, other responsible parties and the support network for the implementation of the Master Plan. The existing references to positions that are no longer valid in Town have been removed, and the new Planner and the Assistant to the Town Administrator have been added accordingly. He noted that none of this is set in stone, and he was trying to be accurate in terms of representation.

Chairman R. Dixon spoke about who has the authority or who is the responsible party to encourage certain Committees, Commissions, Boards and others to step up and get done what needs to get done on the Master Plan in a timely fashion. He referenced Cape Cod and their Design Guidelines for developers building in their Towns and how Lakeville needs to do the same thing. The Committee discussed that the number one goal for the Planning Board should be Design Guidelines for commercial property. The Committee discusses attending a future Planning Board meeting to discuss this with them. Member J. Lynch confirmed that he will go back to the Chairman and come up with a date for the Master Plan Implementation Committee to meet with the Planning Board.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Dixon noted that the next meeting of the Master Plan Implementation Committee will be on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. It is noted that Ari Sky will be unable to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Member P. Marshall and seconded by Member R. Garbitt, for the Master Plan Implementation Committee to adjourn at 8:37 PM. Polled vote: Rodney Dixon - Aye, Joe Chamberlain - Aye, Rita Garbitt - Aye, Patrick Marshall - Aye, James Rogers - Aye and Jack Lynch - Aye and Ari Sky - Aye