

TOWN OF JACKSON
PUBLIC HEARING – DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
May 21, 2014

Planning Board Members

Noel Hanf, Chairman
Doug Gordon
Mark Mahoney
Norma Nilsen
John Tully

Town Board Members

Supervisor Brown
Councilman Rea
Councilman Rich
Councilman Rouse

Others present:

Carol Brownell
Grace Campbell
Sharon Dunn
Robert & Irene Headwell
Dorothy Malossi

Jean McLenithan
Roger Meyer
Diana Tully
Peg Winship
Mike Yezzi

The public hearing opened at 4:07 pm with Chairman Hanf welcoming the group, providing a brief overview of the goal of the plan and recapping comments made at the May 13th public hearing.

Similar to the first public hearing, the majority of the group agreed with the overall goal to preserve the rural character of the Town while simultaneously encourage and/or cope with growth. However, the Board was asked to establish a goal relevant to preserving the lakes and river.

Several notable comments and concerns were shared:

- Jackson needs planning and protection, and we need to determine what we **do not** want to see in the Town;
- The plan needs specifics/more details about steps to take in the future;
- The Board was cautioned about the statement, "... no zoning or site plan review at this time." A resident felt that it was better to state what might happen in the future. This person was in favor of protective factors that come with regulation;
- One person wondered where the "growth" was in the plan;
- Comment was made that residential development consumes more public services;
- A possible model for regulations might be found in Poestenskill;
- Suggested that the Jackson's lake associations make recommendations to the Board about what regulations they would like to see;
- Concerns that Jackson is creating another layer of government and that there is enough state regulations to protect Jackson;
- Recommend that Jackson look at Salem's site plan review policies;
- The Town would be better off planning now while there is no major issues forcing a plan; and,
- Perhaps the Town should look at where the Town was 50 years ago.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk/Planning Board Clerk