

Glover Planning Commission
October 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM.

Mariel, Jack, Randy, Jim, Donna, Liz and Martha Braithwaite were present.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved with minor typos corrected.

Mariel so moved, Jim seconded.

Although Jim said his computer crashed and he hopes to get it fixed and running soon, he did pick out maps to formulate:

1. Flood way
2. Transportation
3. Streams and water bodies (water resources) such as wetlands, groundwater protection and public wells.
4. Topographic maps: shaded relief and slopes

Randy would like a map showing where Current Land Use plans are being used, and a question was raised –“Are Land Use maps mandatory?”

Randy asked if the town map showed bike trails, and Jack said yes. Randy would like to redesign the map so all trails are designated in the mapping including potential trails with the goal of making a connected system of trails with nearby towns. Randy will be a representative to the Local Motion Group.

There needs to be a statement of preservation of rare and natural area. During the meeting, we tried to access the ANR’s “bio-finder” with incomplete results. Jim will research this also.

Mariel reported on “Button-Up” day. They will have free light bulbs and insulating switch plates to give out on Voting Day at the polls.

Randy read the education part of the plan. Student numbers need to be revised. It is to be written by Brian Carroll.

Donna brought up the issue of other educational opportunities for the children of the town: home schooling, early Head Start, St. Paul’s, North Country, Riverside School and The United Christian Academy for example.

Martha Braithwaite is working to create a coordinated system for services to young children. We discussed the topic of childcare: there are two childcare homes in town. She will create a list of resources in early education. Taylor Foster has a presentation of how to incorporate language in the plan.

Randy thinks this should be in the Wealth and Well Being section. But could it be included in the economic development plan as perhaps the town helping a daycare facility as Greensboro gives some support to Wonder and Wisdom. We also discussed different levels of childcare centers; “Reach-Up” is a new model.

Donna talked about new paradigms for mental health emergencies and general care, and the need to de-stigmatize mental health issues.

We discussed how to facilitate helping people find out what they need to know: regulations, events, town resources and what are all the names and acronyms of the agencies?

Martha asked if there is any collaboration between towns, and Jack answered that it doesn't happen much because of the very specific powers of the town. There is the Barton Area Chamber of Commerce that does a bit of collaboration among the towns. Regional Planning in Economic Development is more feasible route for coordination and collaboration.

Transportation needs to be part of a coordinated approach. RCT needs to be called three days in advance to pick people up.

The Planning Commission should get in touch with GREC.

Martha will send ideas to Randy before the next meeting, which will be at The Library at 4 PM November 4, 2016.

Donna asked about the State appointed Town Service Officer – we will put that in the Health and Well Being section.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mariel and seconded by Donna at 5:45 PM and so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson