Growth Planning Committee Minutes 10/19/21

Attendees: Dan Saunders, Chair, Jim Fitzgerald, Vice-Chair, Paul Hogan, Jim McMann, Werner Gilliam, Director of Planning and Development, Liz Johnston, Janet Powell Guests: Liz Durfee, Tom Morgan, Planning Consultants, Eli Rubin, Community Planner

The Oct. 19th meeting began promptly at 6:00p.m. Werner introduced Eli Rubin, KPT's new Community Planner.

Liz presented a slide outlining the two possible choices for the overall structuring of the CP. It was agreed to go with the second format that shows shorter summaries with strategies for implementation in a table format. Werner added that the second model is a more user-friendly tool for town departments to follow. The format clearly outlines which tasks need to be completed along with their timeline for completion and the source of funding for each strategy. The review of strategies and the implementation table are scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2021.

The group discussed the drafts of each chapter and whether to send them out to Town Departments. It was decided that the GPC will review all of the chapters and send Liz and Tom comments by email before the next meeting on 11/9. Copies of the chapters will then be forwarded to the BOS for their review and input.

2. Future Land Use Chapter

Liz continued the FLU discussion by recapping how growth permits are allotted. Growth Management Permits are limited to 40 per year. The conversation moved to Affordable Housing. 10% of the permits allowed per year may be designated as AH but are not counted against the limit of 40 permits. With no parameters of AH to facilitate a productive discussion, it was decided that the town must define its official use of the term "Affordable Housing".

It may ultimately lead to review of the LUO in order to be in compliance with the exemption. The second topic was Growth Cap. State law requires that a town have a clear rationale for its cap on the number of permits issued annually. In 2005, KPT decided to include a Growth Cap due to the town's infrastructure.

At the next meeting on 11/9, we will review the second half of the FLU chapter. Homework is to review all chapters, emailing any comments or revisions to Liz and Tom. The minutes of Oct. 5 were approved.

With no further business to discuss, Jim F. motioned to adjourn, Paul seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Powell