



# Town of Hopkinton

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## HOPKINTON PLANNING BOARD

### MINUTES MAY 10, 2012

Chairman Bruce Ellsworth opened the Hopkinton Planning Board meeting of Thursday, May 10, 2012, beginning at 6:30 PM in Hopkinton Town Hall. Members present: Vice Chairman Timothy Britain, Ex-Officio George Langwasser, Michael Wilkey and Alternates Cettie Connolly and Edwin Taylor. Members absent: Bethann McCarthy, Celeste Hemingson and Jane Bradstreet.

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- I. **Master Plan**—Vanessa Gould and Mike Tardiff of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission met with the Planning Board to discuss the Commission's willingness to provide assistance in updating Hopkinton's 2002 Master Plan. A Master Plan is typically updated every five to ten years and it is the basis on which the Town's Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Regulations are written.

Brief discussion ensued concerning the steps and costs involved in updating a Master Plan, noting that it could be done in stages.

The majority of the Planning Board expressed concern with the costs associated with such an update and whether those costs would be supported by the Voters given the state of the economy. Following discussion, the Planning Board agreed to move forward in having the Commission assist in developing a Master Plan Energy Chapter. The cost will be covered under the Energy Technical Assistance and Planning for New Hampshire Communities (ETAP) program which is intended to provide energy efficiency technical assistance at no charge to municipalities.

## II. Adjournment.

With no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Ellsworth declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Board is Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall.

Karen L. Robertson  
Planning Director