

## **Sugar Hill Planning Board**

**April 5, 2023**

**Members:** Margo Connors, Arthur Chase, Steve Monsein, Amy Venezia, Jim Keefe, Rob Hayward, David Thurston

**Guests:** Tara Bamford (via Zoom), Patty Robertson, Jordan Applewhite

Chairman Rob Hayward called the meeting to order at 5:30PM on Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

### **Master Plan Discussion**

The scope of service was reviewed. The following things were discussed:

- Tara drives the process and will provide drafts in advance of meetings. Sections will be reviewed but not necessarily in order.
- Introduction – survey will be done before we update the vision
- Chapter 2 – Tara will update and have draft before the next meeting.
- Chapter 3 – Tara will begin this section with meeting with the Conservation Commission. She has already contacted the Board Chair to set these meetings up.
- Chapter 4 – Start review in June and go through the recommendations. Survey will be sent out after this. A postcard will go out with a link to the online survey. Recommended a shorter survey for better responses.
- Chapter 5 – Board will gather info on these sections. Recommend that board members divide up the sections and a couple of members work on each section, taking a couple of sections each.
- We will meet with Tara via Zoom every month from 5:30-6:30. If something comes up on the agenda it will be scheduled at 6:30.

Following was reviewed:

- Introduction- first paragraph no changes. Tara will update the stats in the second paragraph.
- Discussed the wording of venerable resort community. The Board feels this does not adequately reflect the town now. Some wording suggestions were rural residential community, changed from a resort and farming community to a residential community.
- Next 5 paragraphs of this section are all on the history and will not be changed.
- Last paragraph, third sentence regarding very small growth in tax rate was discussed. Some suggestions were to remove that and state careful fiscal management. Margo noted that SHIA has done a lot more in last 10 years than what is listed. Margo will work on this paragraph to update.

Other things discussed:

- Board members should review the facilities in Chapter 5 and be thinking about which sections they are interested in reviewing for next meeting.
- Discussed short term rentals, 200' frontage and impacts on development, condos, townhouses, State mandate for low income housing and how we meet this. Tara will take a look at our Zoning Ordinance.
- North Country Council regional housing assessment mentioned. New one is out now.

### **Old Business/New Business**

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. On a motion made by David Thurston, seconded by Jim Keefe the minutes were moved to be approved and accepted. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

David Thurston nominated Rob Hayward for Chairman of the Board, seconded by Steve Monsein. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Steve Monsein nominated David Thurston for Vice Chairman, seconded by Jim Keefe. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

With no more business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.

Submitted by:

Amy Venezia

Secretary to the Planning Board