

Approved Meeting Minutes
Chilmark Planning Board Subcommittee Meeting
August 23, 2023
11:15AM

Chilmark Town Hall, Conference Room 1, 401 Middle Road, Chilmark

Present: Ann Wallace, Catherine Thompson, Peter Cook, Janet Weidner

Not Present:

Staff: Jennifer Christy, Admin. Asst.

Others: Marie Larsen (arrived at 11:43AM)

The meeting of the Subcommittee was opened by the Chairperson Janet Weidner at 11:17AM.

Master Plan:

- The Board members reviewed the suggested changes that Bill Veno of the MV Commission has made to the department/Board/Committee survey draft and made some additions and changes based on those suggestions.
- Discussion occurred about what kinds of data is useful to include in the survey.
- Ann Wallace referenced data accessed on Page 13 under developable land.
- Peter Cook noted that the Town has to decide whether there is a goal to develop affordable housing. He noted that in the responses to the survey, the Subcommittee will be looking for whether the responses indicate a desire to move ahead with a commitment to affordable housing.
- The Subcommittee members settled on the three bullet points subject on the survey after the third paragraph of the DRAFT survey:
 - Population
 - Seasonality of houses
- The Subcommittee members discussed how the population has not just increased in Town, but the expectations have changed over the last decade or more.
- The Subcommittee discussed the usefulness of the statistics regarding developed or undeveloped land.
- The Subcommittee discussed exactly what “story” are they trying to elicit from the survey and what does the survey itself convey to the responders.
- It was determined that there should be no bullet points under the third paragraph. Cathy Thompson addressed the fact that this survey is looking for narrative answers that may not gather information that can build data, but it will inform a visioning session that may be the next step. Ann Wallace noted that Cathy Thompson had mentioned in the beginning the benefit of the survey remaining as neutral as possible to gather the responders concerns.
- It was decided to make the edits on the draft and present it to the Planning Board on Monday, August 28.
- Janet Weidner described the process the Subcommittee is following to Marie Larsen: send out and receive responses from Depts/Boards/Committees that will lead to visioning sessions for the broader public.
- Janet Weidner requested that Jennifer Christy send an update and thanks to Bill Veno.
- The Subcommittee also requested that the survey be placed on the August 28th Planning Board agenda and Jennifer Christy said she would reach out to Rich Osnoss today and alert him to the fact that if the survey is approved on Monday, August 28th then it is the Subcommittee’s desire to have the survey then sent directly on to the Select Board for their meeting on Sept. 5, 2023.

Minutes:

- The minutes from the July 24th, 2023 Planning Board Subcommittee meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- The minutes from the Aug. 14, 2023 Planning Board Subcommittee meeting.

Next Meeting(s):

- Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, 3PM

Documents:

- Master Plan draft survey DRAFT edits from Bill Veno, MV Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer L. Christy