

**MINUTES FOR  
A VISION FOR EXETER  
PILOT TEAM  
TOWN OF EXETER, RHODE ISLAND  
675 TEN ROD ROAD  
EXETER, RI 02822  
DECEMBER 10, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Exeter Public Library  
Program Room  
773 Ten Rod Road, Exeter

**ATTENDEES:** Scott Millar, Pati de Wardener, Susan Cerullo, Helen Buchanan, Marnie Lacouture, Larry Bonoff, Allan Hurst, Marcus Ferrelli, Mike Cerullo, Dave Hathaway, Michael Abbott, Frank DiGregorio Richard Schartner, Susan Westa, Kevin Essington, Peter Flinker

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Scott Millar called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Susan Westa noted that a couple changes had been made to the minutes of the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, since they were emailed out. The group reviewed the revised minutes and accepted them as is.

**REVIEW PHASE I SUMMARY REPORT**

Peter Flinker presented new information developed by Steve Mullen with results of the October public workshop. Peter will send this information for Susan who will have it posted on the website.

The new information included an analysis of views from roads. This analysis showed that some potential village locations would be much more visible to the community. Good design will be critical to ensuring that new development is incorporated into the character of the community.

Steve also looked at the impact new community growth will have on the previously identified "Places of the Heart". The analysis showed that focusing new growth in centers will impact "Places of the Heart" less than current zoning allows. With the chip game results, Steve also identified 10 potential new village locations.

Peter reviewed the Draft Conclusions and Recommendations Report he developed. He discussed the importance of continuing to involve all stakeholders throughout the process. Mike Cerullo would like to think of other ways to involve students. The online almanac may be a good way to involve them.

Peter reviewed the Buildout and Impact Analysis and discussed the importance of measuring certain impacts, such as traffic, aquifer & fiscal impacts & a need for new schools, better. There is a Brown University student who may be able to help with this. ULI may be able to help with analyzing impacts of different village alternatives, including what villages might look like and a market analysis.

Frank DiGregorio would like to see set up new regulations and incentives for new village growth to occur gradually over time. A new eco-friendly or green village theme was suggested.

Peter also reviewed rural development options, including conservation development alternatives. The future of the Ladd Center should continue to be discussed. The comprehensive plan update is underway. They plan to submit it with a placeholder for this project/Borderlands – so this information will be incorporated in the future.

There was discussion about whether or not consensus has been reached on a “vision” for Exeter’s future. Scott Millar thinks the community is still working on this. Larry Bonoff thinks the vision is there – a combination of low density development, village centers and protected open space. Kevin Essington said the group now has the beginnings of a vision and now in Phase II they now need to look at this in more detail.

Scott asked how do we develop consensus among the group and get that incorporated into the comprehensive plan. Kevin suggested that a subcommittee develop a draft vision. Scott will lead this effort for the next meeting (and send a draft to Susan to send to the team). Kevin also noted the importance of continuing education to generate a better understanding of the vision. He talked about possibly using direct mail to get the word out and/or TV.

A new logo was suggested “Think Green, Save Green, Build Green”.

Kevin will lead a strategic planning session at the next meeting to develop priorities

### **REGIONAL SHARING EVENT**

The group briefly discussed a Borderlands Regional Sharing event, designed to share lessons learned by Exeter and Killingly. Susan asked for suggested locations. URI’s Alton Jones campus was recommended. Kevin suggested the Sterling Grange because it is located in between both towns.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The group agreed the next two meetings will be the fourth Wednesdays, January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**The next meeting will be January 28, 2009 at the Exeter Library 7pm**