

**Westmoreland Planning Board**  
**September 9<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**Masterplan update review**

**Members present:** Lauren Bressett, Jim Starkey, Bruce Smith, Mark Hayward, Steve Houle and Russ Austin. Absent, Dawn Lincoln. Master plan committee present, John Lukin, Tom Finnegan, Carol Austin, Bill Campbell

Lauren Bressett call the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Board members and the committee reviewed the revision to the Master plan.

Jim Starkey voiced some concern of the cost associated with items being recommended in the plan, Lauren Bressett reminded Jim Starkey this plan is for guidance and any items requiring expenditures would be voted on by the town's people. Bruce Smith stated the plan is consolidated from previous versions.

Russ Austin questioned why they are suggesting 100% of the current use penalty monies go to the conservation fund, currently only 50 % of the money goes to conservation. Committee members suggested the extra monies will help with purchasing of land or to help someone with putting their land in conservation. Also there was some discussion of who has control of the money in the conservation fund. (Will need to clarify)

Under land use, Lauren Bressett felt there needed to be a forest land section

Also need some clarification on the cost of living index for the town, number of cell towers, and mileage of the town roads.

Will need a statement from the Union Church, to be added to existing facilities

There was some discussion on some of the recreation suggestions, with suggestion that a note that items such as a park/ boat ramp could mean related expenses for the town.

It was noted that the master plan committee was passing their work on to the Planning Board so that all adjustments, editing, etc is now the responsibility of the board. The Planning Board thanked the committee for their diligent work and their excellent end product and gave the committee members a round of applause.

Carol Austin made a motion to adjourn, Russ Austin second, all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted

Alison Fissette WPB Clerk

