

Town of Barrington Seeks Volunteers for Master Plan Update

BARRINGTON, N.H. – Would you like to lend a hand in shaping Barrington's future? Volunteer to help guide the development of the latest chapter of the town's master plan.

The Barrington planning board and land use department are looking for Barrington residents interested in serving on the steering committee that will prepare the community facilities and utilities chapter of the town's master plan. The chapter will review current conditions and future needs of the town's public safety infrastructure, schools, public library, recreation, town hall, community services, stormwater management, and utilities. It will include strategies and recommendations to help the town maintain and improve its key infrastructure and resources.

The planning board will create the steering committee that will oversee the work and ensure ample opportunity for public participation. The steering committee will have seven members, including one member from the Planning Board, and will work closely with the land use department and the Strafford Regional Planning Commission throughout the chapter's development. The goal is to have a steering committee diverse in interests and areas of expertise. The process is scheduled to begin in November and take about six to seven months.

The master plan is designed to help the community meet change responsibly and guide its growth in an orderly manner. It specifies, as clearly and practically as possible, the best and most appropriate future development to aid the planning board in designing ordinances and to guide the board in the performance of its other duties. Barrington began the comprehensive update of its master plan in 2016 and has updated chapters on existing land, demographics and housing, vision and community character, and economic development.

For more information, contact Marcia Gasses, town planner and land use administrator, at 603-664-0195 or barrplan@metrocast.net. Anyone interested in serving on the steering committee is asked to respond by Thursday, Nov. 1.