

**Walpole Planning Board Workshop**  
**May 24, 2022**  
**Town Hall**  
**7 pm**

**Present:** Chair Jeff Miller, Vice-Chair Dennis Marcom, Clerk Jason Perron, Jeff Harrington, Bill Carmody and alternate Travis Adams. Lisa Murphy, senior planner at Southwest Regional Planning Commission, was the facilitator at the meeting. The topic was the last section of the Master Plan, Historic and Recreational Resources.

The Walpole Planning Board is finished with updating the Master Plan – almost. Since it is recommended that towns update their Master Plans every 10 years, the Walpole Planning Board began in late 2019 to begin updating its Master Plan. But Covid intervened and while some regular meetings were held via Zoom during the last two years, workshops were not. So the Board has been meeting sporadically on the fourth Tuesday of the month for a couple of years.

At Tuesday night's meeting Lisa Murphy distributed six maps that complement chapters in the updated Master Plan. They included a:

- Zoning Map
- Land Use Map
- Development Constraints Map
- Economic Development Map
- Community Facilities Map
- Historical & Recreational Resources Map

The Historical & Recreation Resources Map is the last chapter of the Plan. It includes:

- Historic and Recreational Resources
- Historical and Cultural Resources
- Recreational Resources such as
  - Ball fields and courts
  - Open spaces such as parks, school grounds, Town Hall and Town Common
  - Trails
  - Town Forests
  - Water Access

Other attractions, such as the Hooper Golf Course, were added.

Ms. Murphy had gathered information on much of what was in this chapter but needed input from the members on specific location of historic markers, town trails and Town Forests. To gather that information she laid out a large map covered in dots of different colors. The large map, which covered most of a 6-foot table, was a replica of the Historic & Recreational Map and for 45 minutes board members pointed out places on the map where specific trails were as well as historic markers and some town forests. Jeff Harrington served on a conservation subcommittee that worked on the trails maps that the Conservation Committee has recently completed and copies of which will be available to the public soon. He and Jason Perron, who had hiked a many of the trails, pointed them out on the map and wrote in and numbered them on the large map. Jason used his cell phone to confirm some historic marks and some town forests. They too were written in and numbered on the map.

## Finishing Up

In June the contract with Lisa Murphy and Southwest Regional Planning Commission to work on the Master Plan will run out. So between now and the next regular meeting of the Planning Board on June 14th board members will do the following:

Jeff Harrington will get in touch with Lew Shelley who is the point person doing the trail maps and see if they can all be identified on the Historic and Recreational Resource Map.

Bill Carmody will check with Bill Ranauro on historic places in town. Mr. Ranauro has written a book and given tours of the homes around the common. The name of the book is "Frontier Elegance: The Early Architecture of Walpole, New Hampshire 17590-1850."

Lisa Murphy will contact Alicia Flammia, chair of the Walpole Conservation Committee, and locate all the town forests on the final map.

All Planning Board members are asked to look over each and every map to make sure the information on the maps is correct. Members who were not at the workshop meeting will receive color copies of the all the maps. The final discussion will be at the June 14 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
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