

Dalton Planning Board

Minutes of 11/3/21

On Zoom:

In Person: Erik Nilsen, Jo Beth Dudley, Terri Parks, Steve Ordinetz, Gal Potashnick, Carl Lindquist

- Meeting Called to Order 7:02pm
- Previous meeting minutes approved
- Review of NCC master plan survey results to see what takeaways/trends exist. Caveats:

All data is a subset of those that chose to fill out the survey.

Assuming all 108 survey respondents filled out every question, 1 vote = .93%

Need to ask Kaela for the new version with format corrections (Jo Beth)

- 96% of survey respondent homes are stick-built or mobile homes. Remainder camper/nonpermanent
- 64% of survey respondents have lived in Dalton for 10 or more years
- 70% of survey respondents are 55 or older
- 18% of survey respondents working in town (working remotely+home-based business+ non home-based), 30% retired/unemployed, 52% working outside town
- Top 3 reasons given by survey respondents for living in Dalton: Rural Character (81%), Proximity to natural areas and waterbodies (68%), Ease of access to neighboring towns(34%)
- 64% of survey respondents say they have access to broadband internet. 27% said no, 9% unsure (may be lack of clarity on what broadband means)
- Top 3 survey respondent hopes for the future: Keep Rural Character/Remain Unchanged (24%), Protect/Conserve Environment (18%) Lower/Stabilized/Diversified Taxes (13%)
- Top 3 survey respondent concerns for the future: Development of Landfill (32%), Increased Taxes (13%) Business Development (Pro Small/Con Large, 13%)
- Several comments around conservation, make sure to forward the results to Conservation Commission(Carl)
- Several comments about reduced/stabilized tax rates. Dalton municipal represents 20-25% of the overall tax burden to residents. Majority from school district and county-this indicates an education opportunity to help citizens understand tax breakdown.
- Next meeting: review of draft zoning. Gal/Erik review 1st 6 pages, Steve/Terri review next 6 pages, Carl/Jo Beth review remainder
- Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

Next meeting 11/17/21 7pm

