

Concord Comprehensive Planning Meeting minutes (September 2, 2008)

Minutes for Town of Concord Comprehensive Planning Meeting
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The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with 15 citizens including Town Chairman Bill Ingersoll present. The agenda was continued discussion of non-consensus points and review of the draft of the citizen questionnaire written by Sally Williams.

The first issue discussed was the state-proposed Park & Ride. The draft of this question, along with background information and pros and cons on the issue, was read and discussion followed. Lloyd Zastrow had done some calculations as to the cost of maintaining the lot and felt that the estimate of \$1000 to \$3000 per year was too low. Everyone present agreed to change the estimate to \$2500 to \$5000 per year. Also added to the reasons to oppose the Park & Ride was the fact that parking is available at Dahnert Park, the Community Center, and the old Town Hall for town residents who wish to park for the day and carpool.

The second issue discussed was the hamlet expansion. Again the draft of the question was read and discussed. Bill Ingersoll noted that information should be included in this question informing the public that the Town does not have the authority to expand the hamlet on its own. Expansion of the hamlet would require an amendment to the Jefferson County Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan and then approval by both the county and the town for the proposed expansion. Suggestions were made to clarify the background information given regarding zoning and land use acreage within the current hamlet. The wording "would localize business to one area" was removed from both the supporting and opposing statements. It was pointed out that the supporting and opposing statement should contain facts, not opinions. Therefore, opinion statements were removed.

The third issue was limiting lot splits. Most of those present felt that the explanation given regarding the current guidelines for lot splits was unclear and needed to be more complete. There was also some opinion that the question could be simplified by merely asking residents if they would support limiting lot splits without going into detail about how lot splits are currently handled. Lloyd Zastrow stated that 538 was not the number of lot splits still available, but was the number still available plus those already exercised. Dale Konle will check with the zoning office at the county to get an estimate of the remaining lot splits available. Further discussion on the issue will be put off until that information is received.