

Acton 2020 Implementation Committee

Draft Minutes of August 27, 2014

Present: Kat Hudson, Bonnie Nothern, John Sonner, Eric Solomon, Peter Berry, Margaret Busses, Kristen Guichard, Roland Bartl, Paul Kampas, Vinny Cottone (?)

Minutes taken by Eric Solomon

Agenda

- Review minutes
- Dashboard prototype review
- Review high priority achievable action items
- Admin updates

Minutes of the 7/24 meeting were approved

Dashboard review

- Most of the meeting was spent reviewing Paul's dashboard, Paul took over 200 items from the database and created a functional structure that makes the database more accessible.
- TTC in Column F = 2020 commitment
- Paul grouped the database items into major categories: Human Services, Locales/Land, Infrastructure, Governance, and Culture. Eric suggested that the term Human Services might be misinterpreted.
- There was discussion about how to proceed with the dashboard and whether 2020 should consider approving it at the next meeting.
- Discussion about the need for committee members to verify Paul's dashboard against the plan.
- John made some edits to Paul's Excel spreadsheet that filtered the data in different ways, for example showing just the high-priority and/or achievable items.
- There was considerable debate about who should have write access to Paul's dashboard.
- Kristen mentioned that she had talked with Daphne Polaris, who suggested sending out a questionnaire to get status from the committees on action items.

Discussion of High Priority/Achievable Action Items

- The committee discussed choosing a limited number of items that we can actually get done and show some progress.
- Roland emphasized that it's important to decide what can actually get done in the short term and publicize the success. There was discussion about the fact that the Green Acton committee has succeeded with several items.

Other items

- There was some discussion about the need for an economic development officer. Margaret said that the Fincom is pushing to hire one.
- Peter said that we will probably have a town meeting in November to decide whether to keep the nursing services, which is losing money. An alternative could be to merge the service with another existing provider.
- Peter also mentioned that the selectmen signed off on the Bruce Freeman rail trail construction