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Master Plan Committee

Minutes

8/12/19

7:01 Helen Schoppmeyer, Carl Anderson, Ralph Odell present

Old Business:

Downtown Pittsfield- Downtown Pittsfield is defined by natural boundaries of a river, Rt. 28 and hills. The atmosphere is accented by historic buildings, walking and accessible areas.

Increased areas for exercise, walking , and recreation could be enhanced.

The economic base of Pittsfield is poor and several opportunities could enhance the economic climate.

- a. Supplemental income- home businesses, Air BNB , etc.
- b. Reduce living costs- car pooling, decrease electric cost (solar project).
- c. Increase the Town tax base.

The physical appearance would not need to be significantly changed.

Drake Field appears to be best suited for physical recreation.

Dustin Park is well suited for community activities, Old Home Day, Concerts etc.

Rural Areas- The Town Survey and past Master Plans all indicated that maintaining the rural atmosphere in Pittsfield is important. A plan to allow for growth, efficient use of land, utilization of natural resources and allowing the economic benefits for land owners. Existing land use guidelines appear to limit the usability of larger lots that would be found in the rural zone. Obtaining this balance is a challenge.

1. Five Acre zoning with expanded frontage is a possibility.
2. Allowing frontage to be adjusted for the desirability of the lot (Discretionary Frontage)

New Business:

Several comments concerning the Town.

1. Volunteerism should be encouraged.
2. Facebook should be utilized more to promote Town Activities
3. Events should be put onto the Community Board.

Adjourn 8:19

Respectfully submitted

Ralph Odell