

Carroll County Lands and Annex Subcommittee

Date: **October 6 2023**
Location: Carroll County Annex
Time: **3:00 pm**
Present: Subcommittee Chairman Mark McConkey
Representative Richard Brown (Remote)
Representative David Paige (Remote)
Mellisa Seamans, Executive Coordinator
Jen Stillwell, MWV Housing Coalition
Wendy Scribner, UNH Cooperative Extension

Rep. McConkey and Paige attended the Ossipee Roundtable about housing on October 5.

Rep. Paige: The value was connecting with housing advocates, a lot of energy. To hear the struggle of finding good land in Ossipee for housing was evident.

Rep. McConkey: I will make a point of being available to hear more of these conversations> We have an opportunity here.

Ms. Scribner: The committee looked at the stewardship plan and had questions. I should probably put together an addendum to the plan. We had timber sales in 2010, 2013, 2015/2016 and 2018 (about \$30,000). The pine stand next to the fields is next on my priority list. The plan needs to be updated and will take a good chunk of time. My focus in the next year is to mark the pine stand, wait for a good pine seed year and get it harvested. The sale is advertised so anyone can bid on it. Simpler if one landing per project.

Rep. Brown: We want to make sure we are going in the direction the commissioners need as we move forward.

Rep. Paige: Met with director of Children Unlimited. This was informational conversation trying to understand what prospective providers would need should the County move forward. There is a need in southern Carroll County for dedicated space for clinical services (PT, OT, Speech, mental health for children). Sustainability is important; they charge tuition for the childcare but can also bill insurance for the clinical services. They are willing to explore County option as the develop their strategic plan. They would need a couple clinic rooms, motor room, office space. Important to connect with local schools/district and include them in the conversation. Regulatory issues due to proximity of the jail? She suggested also discussing with Wolfeboro Area Children's Center the needs of the southern part of the county.

Rep. McConkey and Brown would like to tour Children's Unlimited.

HR will be putting out a survey of County employees with childcare and housing needs questions.

At the October 5 meeting, the commissioners approved the preliminary Annex drawings to the next set of drawings with the mechanical added. Siemens anticipates having the budgetary numbers to the commissioners November 8, final numbers December 5 and then contract/scope for approval December 14.

Rep. McConkey: Hopefully we hear something soon on the water system capacity

The Blueberry MOU is up for renewal with the Boy Scouts. Rep. McConkey asked for a report on their work during the past 3 years.

MWV Housing Coalition can assist the committee with listening sessions, public forums. Ms. Stillwell will attend the next meeting.

Minutes approved on _____

Rep. Mark McConkey, Committee Chairman