



Pelham Master Plan, 2022 Presentation

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Pelham Master Plan 2022
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WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN

- *A Master Plan is a document that serves to guide the overall future character, growth and development of a community.*
- *It describes how, why, where and at what pace a community desires to improve its built environment, economy and quality of life.*
- *It provides guidance to local officials when they are making decisions on budgets, ordinances, capital improvements, zoning and subdivision and site plan regulations.*
- *A Master Plan functions much like a roadmap or a blueprint to the future of the community*
- *The Master Plan does not define what can or cannot happen, but rather, it offers a vision of what could occur and includes steps leading to positive community outcomes.*
- *A Master Plan is a strategic plan and vision for a town for the next ten (10) years.*

WHY A MASTER PLAN

All Towns need a Master Plan to:

- *Provide a future vision for the community and help communities create a vision of what they want their town to look like in the future*
- *Address the needs of the Town's long term objectives and growth*
- *To identify new and existing opportunities and capitalize on them*
- *To identify existing challenges and risks and identify solutions for them*
- *A Master Plan provides the legal basis for adopting ordinances and subdivision and site plan review regulations. Innovative Land Use ordinances cannot be legally adopted nor certain grants be applied for unless a relatively current Master Plan is in place.*

Additionally, when land use appeals are made to the Supreme Court, the court system relies on the Master Plan's content to make many of its decisions

WHAT NH REGULATION MANDATES A MASTER PLAN

- *The NH RSA 674 sets forth the Statutory outline for the Master Plan*
- *The NH RSA 674:1 states the duties and regulatory powers lies with the Planning Board to create and or update the Master Plan*
- *The NH RSA 674:2 states a Master Plan must include Two (2) mandatory sections; a vision section and a Land Use section*
- *The Vision Section: would be a set of statements documenting the desires of the citizens of the Town.*
- *The Land Use Section: focuses on a Towns infrastructure plan that sets forth local goals, objectives and policies for the community growth and development over ten (10) years.*
- *A Master Plan may also contain topics, including but not limited to, transportation, housing, energy, natural resources, community facilities, utilities, coastal management, natural hazards, regional concerns and implementation*
- *The NH RSA 674:3 II, states that “revisions to the Master Plan are recommended every 5 to 10 years”*
- *Currently, our Town Master Plan is 19 years overdue*

HISTORY OF THE PELHAM, NH MASTER PLAN

The Records of the Pelham, NH Master Plan are:

Pelham Master Plan created in 1966

Pelham Master Plan dated 1981

Pelham Master Plan dated 1992 and

Pelham Master Plan approved on and dated August 5, 2002

September 2021, the rewrite of the Pelham Master Plan was endorsed by the Pelham Board of Selectmen and the Pelham Budget Committee

On August 2, 2021, the Pelham Planning Board voted in favor of hiring Resilience Planning & Development, LLC to utilize their Master Planning Services to create a new Master Plan for the Town of Pelham

September 2021, the Pelham Planning Board voted in favor of creating a Master Plan Subcommittee.

Background of work on Pelham Master Plan 2022

- Initiated the master plan 2020..concept & acceptance by Planning Board to proceed, November/December 2020
- **Approval of work on the master plan....Planning Board, Board of Selectman, Budget Committee, September/October 2021**
- Approval by the town, March 2022
- **Master Plan is part of the Planning Department**
- **Budget approval is within the Planning Department**

Contents & Key Elements of the Pelham Master Plan 2022

- Population & Housing
- Existing Land Use
- Natural Resources
- Transportation
- Community Facilities
- Economic Development
- Historic Resources
- Future Land use
- Senior Center Facilities

Master Plan Consulting Firm

Resilience Planning & Development, LCC

- How did we select Resilience ?
- Who is Resilience ?
- On August 2, 2021, the Pelham Planning Board voted in favor of hiring Resilience Planning & Development, LLC to utilize their Master Planning Services to create a new Master Plan for the Town of Pelham.
- **The funds to create the new Master Plan was approved by the Pelham Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to be included as a line item under the Pelham Planning Departments Budget.**
- Resilience Planning & Development, LLC provides collaborating planning, design, and educational services specializing in Master Plan services while applying experience with community outreach, engagement, graphics, and document creations.
- They have an office in Plymouth NH and Providence, RI.
- **Resilience Planning and Development, LLC has created Master Plan's for Littleton, NH, Wolfeboro, NH, Newbury, NH, Plaistow, NH and has currently been signed on by the Town of Amherst, NH.**

Status of Pelham Master Plan, December 2021

- Formation of the Master Plan committee>>member application>> November 2021-January 2022
- Approval of the MP committee by the Planning Board>> February 2022
- Meeting of the committee>>first meeting Feb/March 2022
- Pelham Master Plan Gantt chart of activities and time-line (Jan 2021-March 2022).
- Approval of the Master plan in the Planning Department by the town, March 2022.
- **Start Work on the MP with Resilience, April 2022**
- **Expected completion of the MP, June 2023.**

What will the Master Plan Committee Do ?

- **Master Plan committee is an “Advisory Committee”**
- Work with Resilience on completing MP chapters of MP elements
- **Resilience will lead the MP process with committee review & overview**
- **Committee works with the community using questionnaires to develop an understanding of the community**
- **Committee is active and involved with the community and Resilience working plan**
- Identify actions to address, mainly by Resilience and committee review
- Review Resilience completed task and provide guidance
- Ensure the tasks and objectives of MP are being addressed
- Highlight concerns and address them with Resilience
- Ensure final report is consistent with MP objectives
- **Ensure the final report provides a clear path for the town’s growth**

Request for Applicants

- Citizens and Students members sourcing from community
- Submit a membership application by January 14, 2022
- Decision on membership will be done in February 2022
- Committee meeting prior to start of the MP by Resilience, March 2022
- During MP study, there will be regular meeting to review Resilience progress

Take Away Notes

- Master Plan is a 10-year vision of the town's future & plans
- MP reflects needs of the town & citizens
- MP will be developed with Resilience LLC
- MP Sub-committee is an “ Advisory Committee”
- MP work time-line is April 2022 thru June 2023
- Master Plan is budgeted through the Planning Department
- Attempting to attract students to the committee membership
- Communications portal to be established Pelham>Resilience
- Multiple meetings per month during the program

Questions



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Master Plan Back up notes