

5/10/22 Planning Board - excerpt:

LRP Chair Wright reported on a matter discussed by the Long Range Planning Committee (LRP) at its 5/3/22 meeting in response to a request by the BOS to review complaints raised by a resident at a recent BOS meeting (4/11/22) relating to the work of the LRP- Subcommittee and the PB, at large. The LRP deliberated at some length and resolved that (1-4):

1. The process by which the last embodiment of the LRP undertook the assignment to gain a sense of what is top-of-mind for Rye citizens was open, transparent and consistent.
2. The results of the work done by that body were presented to, and adopted by, the entire Planning Board, and that presentation - along with the summary data from which it was derived - are, and have been, posted to the Town website. There was a subsequent request that said that the data had not been published and I (LRP Chair) want to say that what has not been put forward is raw un-tabulated responses, some of which are free text, and didn't lend themselves to being submitted. What is posted is the derivative work product of Julie LaBranche.
3. The Planning Board reconstituted the LRP sub-committee after the elections in March, and charged the newly composed LRP with continuing to execute the plan which was outlined in the presentation at the February 2022 meeting of the PB.
4. That action plan includes solicitation and hiring of a consulting firm to re-write the Town Master Plan. In preparation of that activity, other steps will be taken, including forming a Steering Committee (which would be advisory and outside the political body) as well as any other activities recommended by the consulting firm in an effort to maximize citizen input to the process. Lastly, the hoped-for end result of making this plan manifest is to have a new Master Plan approved by the entire PB in 2024. In summary, none of the enumerated complaints by a resident were actionable, or are already in-process or completed, therefore, there is no action needed by the LRP or the Planning Board.

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Selectmen’s Rep Epperson noted that he has reviewed the information and expressed high confidence in the PB. He conveyed the LRP did an outstanding job based on the expertise they had, and the direction that they are headed with our consultant, and that the RFP is a viable way to complete this. He is happy it’s being done and being done correctly, and thanked members.

Chair Losik expressed her appreciation for comments from the Selectmen’s Rep. The efforts of the committees: LRP, RNR, and TRC reflect that everyone undertakes these initiatives seriously, with real commitment, and people drive themselves hard on the Town’s behalf.

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