

**MONKTON SELECTBOARD**  
**TOWN PLAN 2014 -2019 EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

Town Hall  
January 29, 2014- Minutes

**Members Present:** John Phillips, Anne Layn, Stephen Pilcher, John McNerney

**Others Present:** Peter Close, Thea Gaudette, David Foss, Wendy Sue Harper, Lee Mahony, Don Gould

**Call to Order:** Stephen Pilcher called the hearing to order at 7:00 pm reminding the participants that this is an evidentiary hearing. Under consideration is the Town Plan 2014 – 2019 that was amended and approved by the Selectboard on January 6, 2014.

**Written Testimony (appended)**

Letter from Planning Commission affirming that Selectboard changes were not substantive.

**Hearing Minutes**

Thea Gaudette presented letter from Planning Commission indicating that changes made to the Town Plan as adopted by the Planning Committee on January 2, 2014 by the Selectboard were not substantive.

Thea Gaudette indicated that there was a typographical error on the title page that the Planning Commission had overlooked. The date should read “2014-2019” not “2013-2018”.

Wendy Sue Harper indicated in the Work Force and Income section under Economy and Economic Development, the Planning Commissions intent was to move all budgetary numbers to be based on family income and the Planning Commission edited the units but the actual data refers to household income since the family income data is not available. Wendy Sue recommended changing budgetary units in this paragraph to household income from family income so the data and units match.

Thea Gaudette testified that the Planning Commissions recommendation is to revert to the household units and when the family income data becomes available, the technical change can be made to the Town Plan at that time.

Don Gould testified that he is worried that townspeople are unaware of the proceedings. He indicated that the entire Planning Commission as administered in law needs to be looked to see if there is a better way to do this – so people can express the need to change the Town Plan. He is not sure that the constant progress and push is represented by the Town. He asked that in changing the Town Plan to make sure that liberties are being added rather than being taken away.

Stephen Pilcher asked Don Gould to stay for the following Selectboard meeting to discuss some of the issues that he raised.

**Adjournment**

Stephen Pilcher adjourned the hearing at 7:20 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Stephen Pilcher

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