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Town Planner's Review
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

IX. **Climate Action Master Plan.** Review of a draft climate adaption plan. This plan was prepared by Strafford Regional Planning Commission. Presentation by Jen Czysz, Autumn Scott, and Kyle Pimental, SRPC. The draft may be approved as a master plan chapter or an administrative plan.

- I recommend the board discuss the draft and decide whether or not to schedule a public hearing.

Please note the following:

- Please look over the document as you have time. It is long so just a cursory look at this point for Wednesday would be helpful. We won't be making hard copies since the document is so long.
- Autumn Scott and Jen Czysz of SRPC and Amanda Stone of UNH will present the draft on Wednesday.
- Town staff and Kyle Pimental, Principal Planner of SRPC, met with the Planning Board on July 24, 2019 to request endorsement from the board about pursuing a grant to produce a climate action master plan for Durham. The board declined because: 1) several board members questioned the value of creating this chapter stating the issue has already been addressed effectively in various individual chapters of the adopted master plan; and 2) The Planning Board was very busy with other projects and not eager to tackle another master plan chapter after the lengthy process for the prior 11 chapters.
- Town Administrator Todd Selig and the staff thought it still worth creating if we could secure the grant, believing this is still significant new analysis regarding climate change that would benefit the town. The master plan was written in 2015.
- With the assistance of Kyle Pimental the Town secured a New Hampshire Coastal Resilience Municipal Planning Grant of \$17,540 for development of the plan. The \$8,770 match was met through \$1,770 in staff time from UNH Extension and NH Sea Grant, \$3,500 in staff and volunteer time by the Town of Durham, and \$3,500 in cash from the Town of Durham. Total project cost is \$26,310.
- The draft was written by SRPC under the guidance of Town staff (the Leadership Team which covers all Town departments). The Leadership Team has endorsed the draft. Kyle also solicited input from several other town boards and committees.
- If the board wishes to continue its review the next step would be to schedule a public hearing. It would be perfectly fine if the board prefers to not adopt this document as part of the master plan. In that case it would be approved by the Town Administrator as an administrative document.