

Comments from Response Cards:

Chuck Weed: "I mentioned 'it would be good for people along Beaver Brook to feel confident that the consequences of flooding would not be equivalent to a 100-year storm every few years.' That is not a message about metaphysics –as interpreted in the meeting. –rather that the city of Keene focus and current effort to both what comes down as well as flood storage closer to the Ashuelot.

Capturing Beaver Brook at the Beaver Brook Falls could prevent overflow from the bottom of Old Concord Road through Baker Street. For water that comes in below the falls, flood storage, dam removal, right angles, culverts, Kingsbury would provide a higher confidence for those living in the wettest area of the flood plain.

I remind the City of the 2010 Master Plan: 'Be prepared for emergencies...be committed to maintaining public infrastructure...have housing that is adaptable over time to changes in ...climate...seize opportunities that result from a changing climate...reduce vulnerabilities...make Keene resilient to climate change...Derive the energy used by XXX and government from a diverse portfolio of renewable resources... steer public and private investment toward local renewable sources...'

A Beaver Brook Falls dam could substantially slow/control upstream water in Beaver Brook. Technological change has already made small hydroelectric feasible and important. Such a public investment would yield confidence (by) citizens and provide reliable renewable energy.

Unknown: Multi modal transit

Unknown: Wetland storage area in Beaver St. Cemetery ---Stop filling them in!

Unknown: Connecting the greenways, makes use of Kingsbury! That would be good also for flood storage.

Unknown: I am currently undergoing research on case studies similar to the Kingsbury factory. It has to do with redevelopment, flood mitigation, storage and river restoration.

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- Need for more greenspace integrated within business/residential areas
- Walkway along brook
- Indoor, winter, recreational opportunities for East Side
- More affordable and attractive housing –seniors/low income
- Art studios/workspace for artists/craftspeople
- Nursery home/assisted living

Unknown: I think Keene desperately needs upstream water management. The City should investigate proven strategies of wetland flood mitigation and dispersion. Additional development of a greenway would allow flexible space for water to be during flood events, which are likely to become more common.

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- Affordable housing, i.e. condos, not high end like above Nicola's
- Artist building – studios/Art Walk Tours/Music & theatre, etc.
- Teen space/Community Space

Unknown: The City needs more bike friendly infrastructure! Parking is not the issue, keeping cars out of downtown is. How much of Keene's Food can be produced within the City in 10 years? Community Gardens. We need to be thinking about how resilient Keene can be and supporting poor residents is one place to start. We are only as strong as our weakest link, and the new development needs to incorporate services for people who are marginalized because they don't spend a lot of money downtown.

Larry Phillips: Regarding the East Side Brook Corridor...Things need to be sequenced. I would be surprised if anyone wanted to build or renovate until the infrastructure is addressed, especially storm water draining and the old, insufficient and problematic piping.

Beaver Brook needs to be addressed. I have not heard why Mr. Whitney's dam can not be done. If permitted the Brook could be made wider and deeper and obstructions (Kingsbury) removed. Is there an avenue for federal money to clean up the Kingsbury property?

Than a plan for incorporating the Brook into some green space recreational area, incorporating where/how possible the railroad property and bike path.

I know the City can do little about it, but the idea of a multi-usage for the Washington/Roxbury Streets properties is a great idea. Some cities, although bigger, have markets much like a combination of farmer's sales and areas for products on a periodic basis, some permanent and some not. The auditorium is a gem. Consider the Cotton Mill in Brattleboro. The middle school would be even better than it. Incorporate Hannah Grimes into planning.

If any/all of above could be addressed, parking will need to be included in any plans.