



Town of Walpole
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Master Plan Steering Committee

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MINUTES
MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
Monday, January 25, 2022

Present: Dean Bebis, Philip Czachorowski, Kari Denitzio, Andrew Flowers, Janet Fasanello, John Hasenjaeger, Jennifer Karnakis, Donnell Murphy, Katie Turco-Abate, Patrick Deschenes (Director of Community Development), Stephen Natola (Plan Reviewer / Permit Administrator), Judi Barrett (Barrett Planning Group), Fiona Coughlan (Barrett Planning Group), Daphne Politis (Barrett Planning Group)

Welcome

Mr. Czachorowski took attendance and welcomed Judi Barrett, Fiona Coughlan, and Daphne Politis, members of the Barrett Planning Group.

Community Engagement Update

Ms. Barrett stated that they are waiting for the results of the Kitchen Conversation meetings, and once they have all the information they will provide a draft vision statement for the Master Plan with the provided data. Ms. Turco-Abate stated that she would be sending in here notes from a Kitchen Conversation she recently held.

Several members of the committee stated that they have already held Kitchen Conversation discussions as well. Ms. Karnakis reminded the group to try to reach out to members of the community who have not already participated in the 11/17 public forum or the online survey.

Ms. Denitzio stated that she translated questions and sent them to parents of students who speak languages other than English.

Mr. Hasenjaeger stated that two of his meetings were postponed due to weather/COVID and voiced concerns that the deadline of January 31st was too soon. Ms. Barrett stated that the deadline is a little flexible, but they definitely need all data in by February 4th. Ms. Politis suggested that people trying to set up live meetings may need to try a virtual meeting.

Ms. Turco-Abate announced that Cara Morris won the high school's Master Plan Logo design contest, and her logo will be used on all future materials. She praised the high level of talent shown by all the submissions and thanked the high school for making the contest possible. Mr. Czachorowski stated that he would arrange for the logo to be displayed in the Hometown Weekly newspaper.

Mr. Murphy arrived late from hosting a virtual Kitchen Conversation. He said that the meeting went well but some attendees were skeptical that the Master Plan would actually accomplish some of the goals the Committee hopes to achieve. Ms. Politis stated that the last Master Plan from 2004 resulted in a lot of improvements for Walpole.

Mr. Deschenes stated that because of advancement in technology, the current Master Plan will be a lot more accessible to the public than ever before, and therefore the impact that it has on the town will be a lot more visible to the community.

Inventory & Assessment Report

Mr. Deschenes stated that the Steering Committee would be split into six working groups, each based around a plan element, to review the inventory assessment data collected for the town of Walpole. The groups are expected to consolidate the information and provide feedback by completing a comment resolution matrix.

Ms. Czachorowski stated that each working group should hold meetings in accordance to open meeting law. Anyone may attend the meetings, even if they are not part of the working group.

The committee discussed whether it would be helpful to hold an additional meeting to discuss the role of the group and the members' different visions for the plan.

Mr. Czachorowski took an informal roll call vote on whether to schedule the additional meeting. The vote passed 8-1-0. (Ms. Turco-Abate no)

Mr. Deschenes stated that he would send out a poll with suggested dates for the meeting.

Minutes Review (10/5/2021, 11/8/2021, 12/28/2021, 1/4/2022)

Ms. Fasanella stated a minor correction was needed for the 12/28/2021 meeting minutes.

MOTION by Mr. Czachorowski to approve the 10/5/2021 meeting minutes.
The motion passed by roll call vote 7-0-1. (Mr. Murphy abstained)

MOTION by Mr. Czachorowski to approve the 11/8/2021 meeting minutes.
The motion passed by roll call vote 9-0-0.

MOTION by Mr. Czachorowski to approve the 12/28/2021 meeting minutes as amended.
The motion passed by roll call vote 8-0-1. (Mr. Flowers abstained)

MOTION by Mr. Czachorowski to approve the 1/4/2022 meeting minutes.
The motion passed by roll call vote 7-0-2. (Ms. Denitzio and Ms. Turco-Abate abstained)

Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Czachorowski and seconded by Mr. Murphy to adjourn.
The motion carried all in favor 9-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitting: Kevin Sanderson

Next meeting: 2/22/22