



Town of Walpole
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Master Plan Steering Committee

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Dean Bebis John Hasenjaeger
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Andrew Flowers Michael McGrath
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 Katie Turco-Abate

MINUTES
MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
Monday, January 4, 2022

Present: Dean Bebis, Ashley Clark, Philip Czachorowski, Andrew Flowers, Janet Fasanello, John Hasenjaeger, Jennifer Karnakis, Margaret Kundert, Glenn Maffei, Donnell Murphy, Patrick Deschenes (Director of Community Development), Judi Barrett (Barrett Planning Group), Fiona Coughlan (Barrett Planning Group)

Welcome

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

Master Plan Training

Judi Barrett gave a thorough presentation on what a Master Plan is and what members of the Committee can expect regarding the project.

Overview: A Master Plan is a future vision for a community's physical evolution. Master Plans help communities discover what must be done to achieve goals, avoid costly mistakes, and set priorities. It should detail short-term and long-term actions to achieve its goals.

Individual Elements: The 10 Elements of Walpole's Master Plan: Land Use & Zoning, Economic Development, Public Facilities & Services & Energy, Transportation, Housing, Community Health, Cultural & Historic Resource Areas, Natural Resources, Open Space & Recreation, and Climate Change & Resiliency. Each piece is uniquely essential to the Master Plan.

Roles and Responsibilities: The members of the Master Plan Steering Committee are the ambassadors and leaders of the Master Plan. Members will conduct outreach to Walpole residents, advise Town Boards/Committees, and help facilitate the implementation of the Plan.

Discussion and Q&A

Mr. Hasenjaeger stated his concerns with the ten elements of the Master Plan. Mr. Barrett explained the State requirement and the process that other municipalities follow. Other members stated that they felt that they are on the right track and should continue on with the process.

Mr. Flowers requested access to raw Assessor's data and text responses from the community survey. Ms. Barrett stated that both can easily be shared with the group.

Meeting in a Box / Kitchen Conversations

Ms. Barrett shared a sample presentation with the members of the Master Plan Steering Committee which they can use to hold Kitchen Conversations about the Master Plan with other Walpole residents. She stated that the aim of these gatherings is to reach out to people who are not reached by other typical means.

Mr. Hasenjaeger suggested that the Committee make sure to provide plenty of non-electronic means of communication so they don't alienate portions of the population who are not as comfortable with advanced technology.

Mr. Czachorowski reminded the Committee members to put together a list of elements that they are most interested in so he can create working groups for data compilation.

Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Ms. Fasanello to adjourn.
The motion carried all in favor 10-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitting: Kevin Sanderson

Next meeting: 1/25/21