



**Town of Walpole
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Massachusetts Master Plan
Steering Committee**



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Dean Bebis, Ashley Clark, Philip Czachorowski (Chair), Kari Denitzio, Andrew Flowers, Janet Fasanello, John Hasenjaeger, Jennifer Karnakis, Glenn Maffei, Michael McGrath, Donnell Murphy, Katie Turco-Abate (Vice Chair)

**MINUTES
MASTER PLAN STEERING
COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

Present: Philip Czachorowski, Janet Fasanello (via zoom), Jennifer Karnakis, Kari Denitzio, Donnell Murphy, Andrew Flowers, Katie Turco-Abate

Absent: Glenn Maffei, Ashley Clark, Mike McGrath, John Hasenjaeger, Dean Bebis

Also Present: Patrick Deschenes (Director of Community Development) and Judi Barrett (via zoom)

Meeting stated at 6:09 P.M.

Mr. Czachorowski took roll call attendance. He suggested the committee went through the draft again. He noted they did not vote on section 9 at the last meeting. An April 24 meeting may be required to vote on the draft. Mr. Deschenes and Mr. Czachorowski created a spreadsheet to cross reference changes.

It was decided to go through each section and discuss any final edits.

Goal 9: Historical Cultural Resources

Ms. Karnakis was on this subcommittee. She explained that she previously did not believe this goal fit the current needs of Walpole, however she now felt comfortable to proceed as they were good aspirational goals.

Motion by Ms. Karnakis and seconded by Ms. Denitzio to accept action items under goal 9.
Motion carried 7-0-0 via roll call vote.

Goal 1: Economic Development

Mr. Murphy thought this section captured the discussion. He approved of the language used and

found minor typos. Ms. Barrett asked for any typos to be emailed to her.

Goal 2: Open Space

Mr. Deschenes said Mr. McGrath would reach out with any comments separately. There would be a deadline for missing member's comments.

Ms. Denitzio noted she was on the subcommittee and had no edits and thanked Mr. Czachorowski and Mr. Deschenes for their work.

Goal 3: Natural Resources

Ms. Karnakis said she was on the subcommittee with Mr. Bebis. She found some inconsistencies with fonts and asked that they be corrected. Ms. Barrett confirmed she would go through the draft for formatting corrections.

Goal 5: Climate Change

Mr. Czachorowski and Megan (no longer on committee) were on the subcommittee and had no changes.

Goal 6: Housing

Ms. Fasanello was on the subcommittee and had no edits.

Goal 7: Transportation

Mr. Hasanjaeger and Mr. McGrath were on this subcommittee and were not present at this meeting. No comments were made.

Goal 8: Municipal Facilities and Services

Mr. Hasanjaeger and Mr. McGrath were on this subcommittee and were not present at this meeting. No comments were made.

Goal 10: Community Health

Ms. Denitzio and Mr. McGrath were on the subcommittee.

Ms. Denitzio said the term "urban" needed to be removed on page 145. She also asked with regard to 10-B, whom was the intended target for "promote cultural competence among". She felt it needed to be clarified. Ms. Barrett responded that was intentionally left vague. Mr. Murphy said it should say "throughout the community"

General Comments

There was inconsistent formatting and fonts within the entirety of the document. Ms. Barrett said she would have her team go through the draft and encouraged all to send her corrections they find.

The Committee discussed corrections they found in various sections of the draft.

Section 2

Mr. Flowers thanked the committee for all of their work. On page 10 of the draft, Section 2.1, he found the wording “a more detailed visualization can be found in Section 7”. That was not accurate and he wanted to close the loop. Ms. Barrett said it was supposed to be Section 2.7 and confirmed she would correct this.

Mr. Deschenes asked if the maps could be resized. Ms. Barrett said maps could be sent in a separate PDF.

Mr. Flowers noted on page 15 of the PDF that South Walpole was described as the main corridor of economic traffic. He suggested that be changed to Downtown Walpole.

Mr. Murphy noted that Siemen’s was not mentioned which was a large employer in Walpole. Mr. Deschenes explained that was based off of TIFF information. Siemen’s did not fall within the data set Ms. Barrett had.

Section 4

Mr. Czachorowski asked if the action items could be numbered. Ms. Barrett said she would try to find a solution, but expressed concern that it could create formatting problems within the entire section.

Mr. Deschenes suggested numbers be inserted in parentheses in each row.

Section 3

Ms. Fasanella asked for clarification on institutional leadership in government.

Section 21

Mr. Murphy felt this section captured their comments and had no edits.

Ms. Karnakis asked if non-family household was the most inclusive term. Ms. Barrett said she could change it, however that was the language found from Census Bureau.

On page 93, the property at 38 Peach Street was referenced but that property was torn down.

Mr. Deschenes noted that on page 69 the table was oddly formatted. Ms. Barrett agreed to fix.

Community Health

Ms. Denitzio said the hospitals section referenced hospitals that were not currently full service for the foreseeable future.

Next Steps

Mr. Czachorowski encouraged the committee to send their edits to Mr. Deschenes who will then send a final list of changes to Ms. Barrett.

Mr. Flowers asked what the timeframe would be after the edits were sent to Ms. Barrett. Mr. Czachorowski said the plan only needed to go before the Planning Board. The Planning Board would want an update at their April 20 meeting.

Ms. Barrett said she would send a finalized version back within a week barring no substantial changes.

Mr. Czachorowski said the committee would not meet again until the final report was received.

Ms. Barrett noted that she would not be available the third Thursday in May.

The deadline for edits was decided as April 11, 2023.

Ms. Turco-Abate said the Planning Board would need two weeks to review the finalized plan.

Mr. Czachorowski would provide an update at the next planning Board meeting.

Ms. Barrett suggested there would be a public forum after the Planning Board meeting.

Minutes

Motion by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Fasanello to approve minutes from 7/26/22 meeting. An edit was required to changes Mrs. To Ms.

Motion carried 5-0-2 (Turco-Abate and Murphy).

Motion by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Karnakis to approve minutes from 8/11/22 meeting.

Motion carried 5-0-2 (Turco-Abate and Denitzio).

Motion by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Flowers to approve minutes from 9/14/22 meeting.

Motion carried 5-0-2 (Turco-Abate and Murphy).

Motion by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Denitzio to approve minutes from 9/27/22 meeting. Motion carried 5-0-2 (Turco-Abate and Flowers).

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Denitzio and seconded by Ms. Karnakis to adjourn. The motion carried 7-0-0 via roll call vote.

Meeting concluded at 7:22 P.M. respectfully submitting: Lauren Michalski

