

**Master Plan Implementation Committee  
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 6:00p.m  
Room 112, Walpole Town Hall**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Ed Forsberg (Chairman), Dick Power (Vice Chairman), Mike Amaral, Patrick Shield, Al Goetz, Roger Turner, Dominic Ianno, Dennis Crowley, Bruce Norwell and Dick Nottebart.  
Staff Present: Stephanie Mercandetti and Maura Therrien. Guests: Denise Maleiko and Sue Ferioli.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Forsberg called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes:

Members reviewed the draft minutes for the January 14, 2014 meeting. Mr. Amaral requested that the last two sentences be removed under the discussion of Union Station being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Nottebart asked that Mr. Sam Obar be listed as a guest as he was in attendance. A motion was made by Mr. Forsberg and seconded by Mr. Power to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting as amended. VOTED 4-0-3

In favor (4): Mr. Forsberg, Mr. Power, Mr. Amaral and Mr. Nottebart  
Opposition: None.  
Abstentions (3): Mr. Shield, Mr. Ianno and Mr. Crowley

3. Ongoing Business:
  - a. Spring Brook Trail/Park Project Update

Jonathan Martiniello is working on the ramadas and provided some quotes on materials to date. The Committee is waiting on additional information from the NUASCE students such as a time and action plan for the remaining items and a breakdown of the in-kind services provided to the project. The Committee discussed project expenses to date, remaining funds and how they would be allocated. Ms. Maleiko stated that their projected boundary fence is of huge importance. Foot traffic in the area is heavy. It has been automatically increased with the new pedestrian bridge.

- b. Master Plan Implementation Progress Review: No updates at this time.
  - c. 10-year Master Plan Update: This item will be held until the next meeting.

The MPIC is currently reviewing the various task tables containing the goals, policies and strategies listed in the Master Plan. There was discussion on how to handle the next update to the Master Plan. It was decided that this update could be done in-house. Upon

completion of this task, the MPIC would split into working groups with each tackling a different element of the Plan. Each working group would also be responsible for writing a one or two page preface for the appendix. The members may send out a questionnaire looking for input. Both the Open Space and Recreation Plan and Housing Production Plan were recently updated so those documents would be appropriately referenced in the Master Plan Update. Hearings and open meetings to request public input would also occur.

- d. Brainstorming session on goals and objectives for 2014: This item was held until the next meeting.

4. Correspondence: None.

5. Any Other Business:

- a. Discussion of National Register of Historic Places application for Union Station:

Mike Amaral advocates for historical properties. He supports the nomination of Union Station to be placed on the National Register of Historical Places. Rockland Trust Federal Credit Union will pay for the whole thing. Kathy Broomer is a professional historian. She is interested in the project. In 2008, Betty Cottrell and Bob Boyd started this project but there were no funds available. Recently, the Board of Selectmen stopped the process as there were concerns that the town could not move the building in the future and that the upkeep would fall to the town. Actually, the MBTA owns the building and just had the roof repaired and painted the station. When it is on the National Register, federal funds are then available for upkeep. Any property on the National Register raises the status and prestige of the town. Our town hall is on the National Register and a grant from the state may be available for preservation.

The committee agrees to have a letter sent to the Board of Selectmen with this information. The letter will cite the Master Plan, the MBTA's agreement, the bank's backing, and Kathy Broomer's encouragement. A building on the National Register may be moved or torn down or sold. The culture and character of the town is at stake here. So far, the only properties listed are the Deacon Willard House and the Old Town Hall. The Plympton Block and Mr. Giandomenico's property are possible future historical sites.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. A motion was made by Mr. Power and seconded by Mr. Ianno to adjourn the meeting. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY