

## **Master Plan Implementation Committee Minutes of Monday, May 3, 2010 Special Meeting**

The May 3, 2010 Special Meeting of the Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) was called to order at 6:29 pm, in Room 2127, at Walpole High School. **Committee Members Present:** Dick Power, Patrick Shield, Mike Berry, Al Goetz, Michael Gallahue, Ed Forsberg (arrived at 6:31 pm), Dick Nottebart (arrived at 6:31 pm), Roger Turner (arrived at 6:50 pm). **Staff Present:** Don Johnson

The meeting had been called to discuss the contents of the distributed 2010 Spring Town Meeting packet. Specifically, within the packet, there was an information folder relative to Article 23, which was for a new Police Station and design of a Fire Station. The second to last page in that folder was a press release from the MPIC, which was dated May 01, 2006. The MPIC would bring to the attention of Town Meeting that the press release was four years old and of a completely different plan, with the only thing that stayed the same being the location; further, the current MPIC membership, which presently has only two members that were on the Committee when the press release was issued in 2006, had not been requested for input into this project, had not as a committee discussed the details or the impact of this project, and had not taken any votes concerning this project. With approval of the MPIC, Ed would like to read a statement at Town Meeting to this effect. He would also like to make a follow up statement that was made to the Board of Selectmen of the procedures of including all municipal facilities as referenced in the Master Plan.

Dick P. motioned, seconded by Patrick, to approve the following statement, to be read at Town Meeting when Article 23 would come up for discussion and a vote. Motion carried, 5-0-0 (Dick P., Patrick, Mike B., Al, Michael G.).

May 3, 2010

Re: A Statement to the Town of Walpole Spring 2010 Town Meeting

Dear Town Meeting Members:

Upon receipt of the Spring 2010 Town Meeting Packet, the Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) resolved to hold a meeting prior to Town Meeting to discuss and deliberate on the packet's contents. Having just adjourned, the MPIC would like to draw your attention to the Press Release located on Page 18, dated Monday, May 1, 2006. While this press release was written in response to a proposed police station, the MPIC would like to recognize that it was not in response to the present proposal and was written by an MPIC made up of different members. Although many of the current members have attended meetings individually pertaining to Article 23, the MPIC itself has not been formally invited to a presentation or asked for comments. Therefore, due to the aforementioned reasons, the MPIC would like to respectfully maintain that it has no comment on Article 23.

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The MPIC met with the Board of Selectmen at the April 6, 2010 Board meeting to discuss a letter from the MPIC dated March 31, 2010, which the MPIC submitted on that day to the Board of Selectmen regarding Municipal Buildings and the Downtown Municipal Campus concept presented in the Master Plan. In that letter, the MPIC quoted several references from the Master Plan regarding Municipal Facilities. Although the MPIC wants the Town to adhere to the Master Plan as much as possible, it is known that it may be impossible to follow the Master Plan to a "T". Still, the Committee is of the opinion that there needs to be a more comprehensive effort toward adherence to the Plan in the planning for the Town's Municipal Facilities. The excerpt from the Master Plan that the MPIC feels requires particular attention in this regard is from page 138; Chapter IX; Community Facilities; section A. Current Conditions, Town Buildings and Facilities: "The municipal facilities plan will likely have to be implemented in phases, but should not be simply a building by building plan.". The MPIC sees a need to address all town facilities that require replacement or upgrade, come up with a comprehensive plan, prioritize, and then go after funding to build pursuant to that plan.

The Master Plan Implementation Committee thanks you for your consideration of the comments put forth in this statement. The Committee hopes to continue to bring forth the contents of the Master Plan relative to the development of the Town's Municipal Facilities to fruition through the methods of comprehensive studies and recommendations as put forth in the Plan.

Patrick and Mike B. left the meeting at this point (6:31 pm), and Ed and Dick N. entered the meeting (6:31 pm). Ed would read the above statement at Town Meeting when Article 23 would come up for discussion and a vote.

The MPIC members present continued discussion on various Town Meeting articles. Roger Turner entered the meeting during this discussion, at 6:50 pm. No further actions were taken.

**Adjournment:** At 7:05 pm, Al motioned, seconded by Dick N., to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 6-0-0 (Ed, Al, Dick N., Dick P., Michael G., Roger).

Respectfully Submitted,