



Town of Wenham
Master Plan Advisory Committee
Meeting of November 9, 2022 / Meeting #6 - Phase II
138 Main Street, Wenham

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, MGL Chapter 30 A, §§18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all members, a meeting of the Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) was held Wednesday November 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

On the recommendation of the Planning Board, the Select Board created the Master Plan Advisory Committee & appointed the following residents for a 2 year term starting July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024 to work with the outside consultant and provide advice to the Planning Board throughout the Master Planning process: Gary Cheeseman, Select Board for Dianne Bucco through 1.1.23; Ernest Ashley, Water Commission; Erica Ciampa, Affordable Housing Trust; Phil Colarusso, Conservation Commission; David Frenkel, School Committee; Mardi Lowery, Council on Aging; Deirdre Pierotti, Finance Committee; At-Large members: Kirsten Alexander; Dana Begin; Deb Evans; Joanne Frascella, Sue Patroliia. Planning Board members (2) rotating*.

Call to order - *With a quorum present, Ms. Frascella called the MPAC meeting to order at 6:32 pm;* Joanne Frascella, Chair; Deirdre Pierotti, Vice Chair; Ernest Ashley; Phil Colarusso; Erica Ciampa; David Frenkel; Dana Begin; Kirsten Alexander; Deb Evans; Sue Patroliia; Gary Cheeseman (A 7:25pm); *Planning Board members Rick Woodland & Peter Clay

Not Present: Mardi Lowery

Also present: Margaret Hoffman, Planning Coordinator; Catherine Tinsley, Recording Secretary

JM Goldson Planning Consultants: Jen Goldson

** Because Planning Board member Clay is also an elected official of the Select Board and Mr. Cheeseman was in attendance as the Select Board's appointee to the MPAC, a quorum of the Select Board was present. It was noted each participated only as individuals serving in their position on the MPAC.*

Public Information

- Meeting Packet
- Community Forum Summary
- Meeting in a Box
- Project Schedule

Minutes – *Vote: The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of **August 24, 2022 & September 19, 2022.***

Consultant presentation- J. Goldson

- PowerPoint presentation (printed)
- Community Forum debrief – Held October 6 at the Wenham Museum
 - Summary key findings
 - Well attended
 - Future development and growth
 - Maintain existing resources in town
 - Taxes and affordability of living in Wenham
 - Comments/ observations from committee members from the public forum.
 - Access to Wenham Canal
 - Combined resources with Hamilton
 - High Taxes
 - New residents under represented
 - High engagement and good energy
- Brief Introduction to Phase II outreach tools - Meeting in a Box is a do it yourself civic engagement meeting designed for use by i.e. community groups, neighborhood associations, friends, to gather at a convenient time and location to share their ideas for analysis, for the Wenham Master Plan. Ms. Goldson provided an overview of the Meeting in a Box packet. The Committee was asked to submit comments on Meeting in a Box to Margaret Hoffman in the next week.
There was a discussion on a strategic, organized approach to town organizations / groups, as well as neighborhood meetings.

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- Survey -Ms. Goldson will email the preview link to the committee members for review. She spoke on the Crowd map, an on line tool to record specific areas of issues and opportunities. Crowdmap will be launched in January.

There was a brief discussion on the transient Gordon College population and how it fits into the Wenham Master Plan.

Discussion on progress & schedule *It was noted the schedule has been adjusted so it is not as rushed. The end date of the project may also be adjusted.*

- Phase II Review of the Project Schedule (amended) – J. Goldson

Existing Conditions comments are due by November 15; the Consultant will create a comment matrix of all comments and how it was addressed.

December - No MPAC meeting

January – Review survey and Crowdmap and progress update on Meeting in a Box.

February - No MPAC meeting

A brief discussion on the progress of the HWRSD and the Town of Hamilton’s Master Plans and if there are opportunities for collaboration.

Adjourn – *The committee unanimously adjourned at 8:05pm.*

Respectfully Submitted By

Catherine Tinsley

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