

Town of Hingham



MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Remote Meeting information

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/join>

Call in Number: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 856 6968 4213

Present Remotely: Gordon Carr, Paul Healey, Bob Hidell, Nancy Kerber, Liza O'Reilly, Deirdre Anderson, Michael Kranzley, Jerry Seelen, Donna Smallwood, Hans von der Luft.

Also present: Mary Savage-Dunham, and Judi Barrett from Barrett Consulting Group.

Master Plan Committee (MPC) Chairman, Gordon Carr called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and welcomed the Committee. Mr. Carr did a roll call attendance and then reviewed the procedures for the remote meeting. Mr. Carr explained that the focus of the meeting was on discussion of the Vision and Goals and finalizing them as possible. He reminded the MPC that they are aspirational in nature. Mr. Carr noted that at the end the schedule would be discussed briefly and then there are minutes to be adopted. Mr. Carr then turned the meeting over to Judi Barrett to lead the discussion of the vision and goals document which had been distributed to the committee. Ms. Barrett commented that the MPC provided thoughtful and insightful comments on the draft document which have been incorporated for the most part. Some language was removed to condense the document and consistent themes were incorporated and combined. Other comments that were not incorporated were footnoted. With that introduction Ms. Barrett opened the floor for overarching comments on the vision statement and Mr. Carr reminded the MPC that the purpose is not to do line edits but to discuss the larger policy items.

Ms. Barrett stated that the first draft was derived from the initial information collection process and it has now been edited to incorporate committee comments where there was

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consensus, and they set aside comments where there was not consensus or further discussion was needed.

The MPC digressed and had a conversation about the document structure and if there will be a preface or introduction as well as an executive summary to provide the main concepts to those who won't or don't read the entire plan document. Then the MPC continued discussing the vision statement. The aspirational tone was well received and the MPC reviewed and edited the vision statement together and then transitioned to a review of the goals. The MPC felt there should be an introduction to the goals stating that they are goals. The MPC discussed the goals and edited and clarified the language together. At 9:50 pm Mr. Carr noted the time and the MPC agreed to table adoption of the minutes to the next meeting. Then Mr. Carr announced the next meeting was scheduled for August 26, and as there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.