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Master Plan Comments

The Planning Board initiated the update of the Comprehensive Master Plan to help our town identify needs and priorities as we prepare for the next decade. The guidance from our fellow citizens is essential to the Planning Board as we address current and future challenges that come before us. The last time our town adopted a Master Plan was in 2001. Much has changed over the past seventeen plus years, and the pace of change seems only to accelerate. Town Meeting 2019 voted to authorize the funds for the update of the Comprehensive Master Plan and to establish a Master Plan Committee with the approval of Article 36.

The Master Plan Committee (MPC) will play an advisory role to the Planning Board in the development of the Plan, and welcomes your thoughts and comments during the process. The MPC encourages your participation at the many public meetings and events that will be scheduled and also offers this on-line form for you to share your thoughts as well.

Note: Any comments made are public and will be provided to the Master Plan Committee (MPC) and may be posted on the website with other public comments. The MPC will not be responding directly to comments submitted here but will read them all.

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Comments or Questions	Hello -- I am a property owner at 2 Cutter Hill Road. Future Challenges: I am concerned that while new large developments are well placed, I have several infrastructure related concerns. Potable Water: Our potable water supply is very localized and comes from local surface and groundwater sources. At what point will the new developments impact our water supply, whereby diminishing the aquifer to a point where the public

water supply wells begin to pull in saline water?

Sanitary Sewer: Certain areas of our town are supported by a sanitary sewer. What is the capacity of this piping, the presumed pump stations, and the plant that receives our sewage?

Roads within town:

The roadways in our town are laid out to have a "rural" small town feeling. We scorn traffic lights and stop signs. The increased allowance of housing also strains our local roads. There is no "bypass" going through Wompatuck, connecting Route 3 and 3A, but based on the level of development currently occurring that is not a ill conceived idea.

Aside my the infrastructure what about the schools? I am envisioning that the level of development has well situated Hingham for either larger class sizes, or classrooms in trailers, similar to many other school districts in the rest of the country.

Hingham must maintain the small town New England charm. The character of Hingham is what drew us all to town, not a perfect downtown with all new shiny buildings or an overbuilt Route 3A. Yes, new tax revenue is needed, but my recommendation is it should be commercial revenue from the already existing industrial areas and not new housing developments. I am concerned that the decision-making of today will impact future generations for years to come with capital projects that cost far more than the tax revenue generated by new developments.

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