

December 13, 2019 Visioning Session – Linden Ponds

Group 1

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
5	Linden ponds
3	Main street – especially with the snow at the holidays, looks beautiful
1	Proximity to Boston
4	Town government – good mix of people
7	So many nearby services, shopping, healthcare facilities, etc.
2	Downtown area, ocean and train
2	Transportation options – bus, ferry, train
4	Beauty of town – preserve it
3	School system is excellent
8	Open space – world’s end, Wampatuck, walking areas

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
3	Lack of sidewalks to get anywhere from linden ponds. Rt. 53 is dangerous for pedestrians, no shoulders, narrow ROW in places
4	No bus stop at the end of Linden Ponds Way
5	No signage on Rt 53 for the entrance to The Range which results in many turn arounds in neighborhoods and linden ponds way
1	Development (to come) in South Hingham and it seems to be uncoordinated regionally (with Rockland/Weymouth/Hingham)
6	There is no traffic light at Linden Ponds Way
1	Traffic in general
	Route 53 needs to be paved
2	No walking path connection from Derby St Shops to Linden Ponds
2	Development patterns are unsustainable
	Linden Ponds is not a GREEN as it could be
1	The Conservation Commission and Board of Health. They need to follow the environmental regulations and stop giving waivers to accommodate developers
	Lack of town trash collection
	Lack of senior housing

Question 3: What's missing?

- Bus services
- Transit for employees and employers
- More good restaurants
- Sidewalks on Route 53
- Traffic lights (Cushing/Main; High/Ward)
- Signage
- Connections to public transportation (first mile/last mile)
- Visitors center on Route 3A between Rotary and Boathouse
- Parking downtown
- Water and sewer utilities

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- Solar panel leasing
- Sustainable energy; aerobic digesters
- Increase business in the downtown area
- Need/want housing or businesses that attract a younger demographic
- Increased growth
- Need information on sustainable energy

Challenges

- Increased growth
- Need information on sustainable energy
- Climate change
- Traffic
- Poor cell service
- Affordability
- Need to increase tax base in town
- Aging population demands services
- Lack of utilities

Question 5: one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
23	Sidewalks – put them in
8	Bus service
4	Bike paths/bike lanes
5	Signage/traffic lights
3	Commuter line parking and increasing parking in general – and shuttle to the commuter nodes

Group 2

Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
5	Deep bench of town volunteers
2	Village approach to shopping (Derby St & Shipyard)
3	Linden ponds
3	Beautiful new England town
1	Town loves itself/makes itself better
3	Waterfront
5	Efficient and effective town management
4	Values learning
2	Library
1	Schools
	Good restaurants
9	Commitment to reducing the carbon footprint
3	Recycling/waste management forward thinking
4	Town owned light plant and water company

Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
2	No EV charging stations
1	Tradition gets in the way of social progress
2	Water loss
7	Limited affordable housing
4	Lack of diversity
1	Increasingly unaffordable
5	traffic
5	Inadequate public transportation in town and to Boston
1	Need net metering
3	Need to better prepare for rising seas
8	Don't generate any of our own power
1	Broader town meeting/town government participation
2	Need 5 selectmen
1	Town meeting is still best approach

Question 3: What's Missing?

- Ice skating rink
- Bike paths

- Sidewalks
- Bus transportation
- 4 way stops/traffic lights
- Lighted field for adult use and more tennis courts
- Better water service to Logan
- Wind turbines/solar panels
- Indigenous and enslaved people – attention to history of
- Affordable housing
- Municipal electric vehicle fleet

Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

Opportunities

- We can fix our problems
- Support more affordable housing
- Enhance diversity
- Increase welcoming
- Protect the harbor from sea level rise
- Support solutions to protect Boston and Hingham harbor from sea level rise
- Town should be Net Zero

Challenges

- Town should be Net Zero
- Protect Harbor from Sea Level Rise
- Control commercial development
- Environmental degradation
- Diversity in retail businesses – not forced out by rents
- Need a hardware store
- Maintain excellent schools
- Digital issues
- Town wide Wi-Fi
- Need underground wires
- Access to quality water

Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham

Dots	Response
7	Better traffic control
12	Protect the shoreline from climate change
5	Greater affordability
6	More affordable housing
11	Go for net zero on carbon emissions
2	Welcoming attitude
2	Less restrictive historical commissions

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