



**Master Plan Advisory Committee's
Climate Change Resiliency and Sustainability Work Group
Minutes for 8/10/19 meeting
Recreation Center**

Attending: Sherrill Rosoff, Jack Visniewski, Rob Rand, Renee D'Argento
Absent: Paul Terrasi, Ken Hartlage
Guests: Chuck Walkovich

Meeting came to order at 10:05 AM

Discussion began by discussing the idea of a Food Hub, what it is, how it would fit into Pepperell and the region. There is a successful food hub in Greenfield, Massachusetts and several members are interested in taking a trip to see it.

The place for a food hub would be Lomar Park. Jack Visniewski gave the members a history of the development of Lomar Park and an update about the state of Lomar Park's infrastructure which needs considerable upgrading.

1. Park was built as a private venture and was never inspected by the town
2. Town doesn't know where the utilities are, and other infrastructure details
3. Park should have a town road for access and egress
4. Infrastructure upgrades are needed
5. Ideally, a partnership between the town and businesses in Lomar to invest in infrastructure upgrades would be best. This can become a recommendation the group can put forward to the committee at large.

Discussion turned to Railroad Square. Jack offered to reach out to Wayne Razzaboni but the discussion turned toward expansion of the Square with a Farmer's Market, specialty retail shops, and what the impact of the Indian Hill development in Groton might have on traffic patterns going through the Square. Renee D'Argento talked about some of her research, drawing on the Devens experience with sustainable industries, eco-industrial development, innovation hubs, and thematic business districts.

Next meeting will be Saturday, August 24th, 10 AM at the Rec Center.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

