



## Master Plan Advisory Committee's Climate Change Resiliency and Sustainability Work Group

### Meeting Minutes – Final

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Location: Lawrence Library, History Room

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM

Attending: Rob Rand, Renee D'Argento, Deb Fountain, Sherrill Rosoff, Ken Hartlage. P. Terasi could not attend, but forwarded some written comments for discussion.

#### 1. Open Forum

There were no public attendees at the meeting. Outstanding meeting minutes for Oct 15 and Oct 18 will be distributed by Oct 28<sup>th</sup> for review and discussion at the next meeting on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2. Work Session

Discussion again was on the proposed Land Use and Zoning draft report. Objective is to complete our section. The following agreements/decisions were made during the meeting.

- Work Assignments
  - o Sherrill and Renee: References and Tools
  - o Ken to select one of his photos of Nissitissit for the cover
  - o Deb: reformat report according to decisions listed below
  - o In response to earlier decision to write Data and Analysis sections, Ken proposed that this information is more appropriately placed in an appendix rather than in the General section of the report. He will take some of the data in the Assessment Table and turn it into talking points.
  - o Deb will remove the charts from the Oct 25, Rev 5 Appendix.
  - o Deb will retype the Mass Principles of Sustainability for clarity. If time allows, we will add some Pepperell photos.
- Timeline / Due Dates
  - o All work assignments will be sent to Deb by 5 PM on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. Deb will incorporate them and distribute Report Rev 6 to all later in the evening or early Oct 29<sup>th</sup> for discussion at the Oct 29 meeting.
  - o Final report will be sent to NMCOC no later than Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. and to the rest of the MPAC no later than Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Report Formatting - Agreements
  - o Number recommendations sequentially; not in the table format as shown in Rev 5. Numbering will begin with #1 for each MP element.
  - o References – alphabetical, and there will be separate References for each MP element. This section will follow the Recommendations, and will not be an appendix.

- Decisions
  - Rob Rand made a motion that we change a the first General Recommendation from Rev 5, to strike the word “Sustainability” from the title of the proposed committee. Ken Hartlage seconded the motion. Renee D’Argento made a motion to amend it, saying that she wanted to be clear that this would be a committee of concerned citizens. No one seconded the motion to amend. A vote was taken on the original motion with all in agreement by all except Renee D’Argento, who opposed the change.
  - We reviewed Paula Terasi’s comments. Some were accepted and some recommendations were modified or tabled to be discussed later.
  - The following Recommendations will be moved/ reconsidered/deleted when we move on to other MP elements
    - Under Public Health – All recommendations related to Vector borne diseases
    - Under Public Health – Water Borne Disease – Delete recommendation to “Develop a plan to clean up contaminated floodwater, and bags and other debris from streets and other public areas.
    - Conservation Commission, Freshwater Wetland Habitat – Delete recommendation to “Increase 50’ no disturb zone buffer to wetlands to 100’.
    - Under Municipal and Associated Infrastructure –Inclusion is on hold pending conversation with the Building Dept concerning Stretch Code.
  - There will be no separate report section for Definitions, but we want to include definitions for “sustainability” and “resiliency.” After review of several options, we agreed to use EPA definitions and community relationships from the STAR program, as the first two paragraphs on page 6, Rev 5, as part of the introduction to the Sustainability section. The final text will read as follows:
 

“ Sustainability is based on a simple principle: Everything that we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural environment. To pursue sustainability is to create and maintain the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony to support present and future generations.

The common elements of a sustainable community are a healthy environment, the well being of the people living in the community and a strong economy. When sustainability areas are addressed in tandem with each other, they have a powerful, positive effect on the quality of life and future of a community. By overlapping work in these areas, efficiencies emerge and better results are achieved. It’s an approach that solves local problems while being innovative about progress.

Sustainable communities possess a strong capacity to respond to and bounce back from adversity. Local government in these communities prepare for and help residents and institutions prepare for and help residents and institutions prepare for disruptions and respond to them swiftly, creatively and effectively.”
- Presentation. Held a preliminary discussion about what to present to the full MPAC on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. At this point, we believe that Rob Rand would provide a general introduction to how this report and future work group reports will be provided-walking through the report structure. He will then ask the MPAC if there are any questions to specific recommendations or recommendations that they want to discuss further. Then, members will asked to read in more depth and be prepared to vote on acceptance of the report and recommendations being incorporated into the full MPAC report.

### **3. Matters That May Be Raised That the Chair Didn't Reasonably Anticipate**

Future meetings scheduled: October 29, at 1:30 PM, at Town Hall, Conference Room A. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.