



**2/10/2022 MPIC Committee Minutes
Virtual Online Meeting, 8AM**

Present: Judy Gooch Dobosh, Chair Nate Therien, Vice Chair Renee Sweeney, Clerk Margaret Jodoin Susan Perry Michelle Theroux Michelle Wolfe	Absent: Larry Dixon
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Welcome

Approval of the Minutes of the Jan 6, 2022 meeting

Susan moved, Michelle Theroux seconded, unanimous approval. Michelle Wolfe to post.

Master Plan Update: next steps

March 28th Planning Board meeting will be largely devoted to a public hearing on the plan, and is likely to approve the plan at the following meeting. After the joint SB/PB/MPIC meeting, we need to put together the reporting template Lisa Wong suggested would be helpful. Renee will reach out to Lisa to see if she had something particular in mind already, and try to develop something otherwise, maybe a google form. Nate brought up the dashboard idea and cautioned us to not do anything that would make it too complicated to function. Michelle W will pull together task lists for the entities from the big Excel of tasks. Hope to present task lists to entities in late March/early April. Margaret asked about access to hardcopy versions of the plan, Nate thought there would be some on reference at the library. Nate also brought up the metrics in the plan and hopes we can encourage and support entities in monitoring those metrics, incorporating benchmarks in their reporting. We also talked about how to encourage consideration for Master Plan goals in the budget process.

Bylaws discussion update

Larry was absent so no big update here.

Meetings with Boards and Committees (bold type signifies an update from previous meetings)

Appropriations – Renee, Michelle W. Renee spoke with Tom Terry. Please remove them from the list of entities assigned to campaign for CPA. (same as last month)

Assessors – Judy met 10/15, they asked where the plan is at as they commented in February. They are trying to digitize some documents, so Judy inquired about an MHC intern and relayed that info to M. Couture, and offered to meet with interested parties in Town Hall to try to develop an internship that would qualify for MHC to subsidize it. (same as last month)

Bike/Walk – Renee, met with them 11/9, their priorities align with their tasks, they had Rebekah Cornell, Conservation Administrator/Planner come to the meeting and spent lots of time looking at map possibilities and updates. (same as last month)

Board of Health/Health Department – Michelle T. and Nate, they were eager to engage and have already been grappling with some Master Plan tasks. They are running up against needing cross-entity cooperation to accomplish their tasks, and expressed some difficulty in tracking progress for things not directly under their purview. Main issue discussed was keeping lead out of school water. (same as last month)

Bylaw Review - Nate waiting to hear back, still has no chair but almost at full membership. (same as last month)

Capital Planning – Michelle W. waiting to hear back, they've been inactive since the spring. (same as last month)

Conservation – Susan, great meeting, feedback that MPIC should keep reminding (same as last month)

Council on Aging – Susan reports the fire dept is doing home inspections. Council on Disabilities is going to survey the town. Large discussion of how difficult the town website is to navigate. They have resources available at the library.

Cultural Council - Susan met, major concern was the new plan, because they felt the last plan assigned many tasks to them that were not under their purview. They are not working with Mount Holyoke as well as they'd like to get information, so Susan will reach out to her MHC contacts. (same as last month)

Disabilities – Michelle T. met 10/20, membership is shifting. They aren't assigned as the primary entity on any tasks in the new plan but eager to have a seat at many tables. (same as last month)

FD 1 – Renee, emailed with Jeff Cyr re: water billing, no response from Fire yet (same as last month)

FD 2 – Nate, no updates but they will use bill mailing to promote 202/33 corridor Planning Board meeting (same as last month)

Historical Commission – Nate & Scott, see they are about to meet, Agenda includes developing and inventory of historical sources and sites, and meeting with the Director of the Library. Conflicts with Planning Board so Judy will cover for Nate. (same as last month)

Housing Authority – Judy, no update (same as last month)

Planning -- Anne requested 2010 matrix from Judy, and confirmed all tasks status quo (same as last month)

Police Department – Michelle W. and Margaret, met with Chief Gunderson, emailed Judy (same as last month)

Recreation (undertaken Bike/Walk and Golf) – Renee, Michelle T.; Michelle attended the 11/9 meeting. No outstanding tasks but a good conversation about metrics in the upcoming plan and they are maybe hoping to add some more. Judy notes they have more tasks in the Open Space plan than in the Master Plan, and wonders if we need to pay attention to those other plans, worries about it being overwhelming since many entities have many plans.(same as last month)

Redevelopment – Michelle T., met last night with TA Wong, next meeting will be to review something in a grant application that is due mid-Feb. Master Plan was not discussed, but it seems there will be more movement. (same as last month)

Schools – Judy met, they most want MPIC to help with anything related to DEI. (same as last month)

Selectboard, scheduling after Planning Board (same as last month)

SHCTV – Michelle W. met, as more people “cut the cord” funding for SHCTV is going down. They will soon seek other funding, perhaps from the town. Note that if you keep the most Limited Basic cable subscription you will still be supporting them. Talked about MPIC doing a video. (same as last month)

SHELD – Judy, met with them in Dec. Fibersonic project within budget and ahead of schedule. Concerned that people think SHELD could do things they are not able to do, like buying electric school buses (they could only install chargers) and other sustainability initiatives. John Hine suggested that each board or commission should have one member responsible for their portion of the Master Plan and the collaborations needed. (same as last month)

SHP Library – Susan, Margaret met, they are working on Strategic Plan (same as last month)

Sustainability and Energy – Michelle W. and Margaret; John Howard will let them know when meetings resume. (same as last month)

Town Administrator -- Interesting and productive meeting in November. (same as last month)

Tree – Larry, Michelle W. they haven't been meeting. Waiting to hear back. (same as last month)

ZBA – Judy spoke with Martha Terry on phone, noted that members of Boards & Committees need better education about the compliance aspects of their entities. (same as last month)

MPIC video

Judy will pick some dates in the near future and see who else can join.

Other business as yet undetermined when this agenda was prepared

Judy is working on our 500 word annual report to the town.

Susan reiterated that having the task lists will be very helpful when we meet with entities, so we can share it ahead of time. Judy brought up that also many entities have their own plans they are working through - Susan thought we should ask how we can help, and Michelle T emphasized that the plans should have overlap rather than be competing.

Next meeting: 03/03/2022, 8AM

Adjournment: Nate motions, Susan seconds, all approved 8:31 AM

Signed: Renee Sweeney, Clerk