

Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC)  
**MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

**Attendance via Zoom:** MPSC Members: Barney Arnold, John Ballantine, Deborah Bentley, Christina Christodoulopoulos, Kerry Kissinger, Kate Reid, Jack Troast, Nancy West, Bob Zogg, with Alexis Lanzillotta, Barrett Planning, LLC.

**Meeting Start:** 7:01 pm.

Minutes prepared by Nancy West

Jack asked for approval on the following three sets of minutes:

- December 29th compiled by Mary Lynne
- January 5th compiled by Kerry
- January 21st compiled by Christina

The vote was unanimous to approve all three sets of minutes.

Jack reported that the presentation to the Planning Board and Select Board had gone well. Some discussion followed about whether the Executive Summary was too long and there should be a one-page version, as proposed by John. John agreed to create a short summary for the Mosquito.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Jack presented two proposed changes and confirmed that minor edits submitted by committee members have all been addressed. Please check that typo “while the shaping” has been fixed. Pending these changes and submission of John’s shorter version for the Mosquito, Jack asked for committee members’ approval. Debbie stated for the record that she does not think it should be any shorter, in deference to the amount of work that has gone into it. [Note- the full Executive summary was later published in the Mosquito]

John exhibited a map of town parcels and Jack discussed some of the designations and their significance, highlighting the relatively limited amount of protected land. Discussion followed about various parcels in 61A status and their conservation restrictions. The goal of the map is to communicate which lots might be developable and others that are not subdividable. Debbie said maps are ever-changing and should be dated whenever they are published. Jack proposed that subject to adding a date, we go forward using these maps, and also recommended that Master Plan Committee collaborate as much as possible with the new assessor and the further development of GIS.

John asked how we can encourage community comments. Jack suggested we get the plan posted by this weekend and start our 30-day comment period. Nancy volunteered to bring that plan to the Master Plan Outreach subcommittee. Debbie said City in the Woods is one place to facilitate discussion. Kate said she’d like to consider holding more Kitchen Conversations. Jack said maybe we think of it in two ways: 1) We email the 60 chairs of town boards and committees asking them to review the document; 2) The Select Board will be asked to set up implementation committee. John said the challenge is still how we get the discussion going. Christina feels that discussion period has been minimal at forums. She fears the public might feel there wasn’t enough of a chance. So maybe more Kitchen Conversations could bridge that gap. Christina said what matters is the public’s perception that they had enough time to review it and comment. Kerry said maybe we should wait until the 30 days are up and then extend another month. John said the issue isn’t comments; it’s substantive dialogue. Jack concurred: the whole point of the Master Plan is to be participatory and the process continues with an implementation phase.

Discussion followed about how to express our thanks to Alexis.

Jack thanked everyone for their careful review and their effort. He stated that the committee should plan to meet again in third or fourth week of March.

Meeting adjourned 8:36 p.m.