



TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

FINAL MINUTES: MAY 24, 2018

Members Present: ✓ Matt Gerritsen ✓ Tom Hall ✓ Carlton Hunt

Guests: Jennifer Burke, Town Economic and Community Development Director

There being a quorum, the May 24, 2018 MPC meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM in Academy Building Rm 201B.

Dr. Hunt acted as Chair and Mr. Gerritsen acted as Secretary for the meeting.

Motion to approve the 04/12/2018 minutes subject to clerical corrections, passed (2 in favor, 1 abstention).

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

1) Downtown Revitalization

- a) Committee- Recruitment is ongoing and planned to be in place during June 2018. Ms. Burke advised that land use policy and comprehensive zoning is anticipated to be adopted prior to committee being in place.
- b) Branding and Wayfinding- State rescheduled meeting for June 19, 2018. Town expectations to be set for sign location and appearance.

2) Zoning

Ms. Burke advised the Committee that the draft inclusive zoning regulations are to be revised following receipt of professional advice on same.

3) Ordinances

- a) Sign Ordinance - Committee discussed set back requirements for signage.
- b) Air Rights Ordinance- Mr. Gerritsen to provide written recommendation for the Committee to review at next scheduled meeting

4) Dam Safety

- a) Carver Dam- No Update.
- b) High St. Dam- Removal or replacement of the dam would need \$2M. Removal would also likely entail replacement of High Street bridge. Committee that prepared feasibility study believes more studies need to be completed before it can recommend further action.

5) Broad Street Development Ad Hoc Committee (“BSD-Ad Hoc”)

Ms. Burke informed the Committee that the BSD Ad-Hoc had met on May 21, 2018. Meeting focused on the area as a whole and discussed proposed zoning amendments. Chair asked Ms. Burke that the Committee be included in proposal distributions and the Committee discussed potential zoning amendments.



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6) Old Colony Planning Council (“OCPC”)

OCPC has until the end of the year to complete transit study and feels traffic count should occur while Bridgewater State University is in session. Committee discussed traffic count and informally agreed with OCPC assessment.

7) On Going Coordination with Town Council Strategic Planning Process.

Coordination shall continue to be responsibility of Town Manager

8) Master Plan Update.

Committee discussed land use policy update as it applied to Master Pan.

New Business

1) Coordination with Town Council Strategic Planning Process.

Ms. Burke will provide updates to the Committee.

Public Comments

1) Public Attendee joined meeting and late and asked for summary of Old Business Items 1-3. Verbal summary was provided. Attendee brought up concerns regarding business signage that were discussed with the Committee.

No further discussion or actions were identified. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 19, 2018 @ 3PM, Room 201B, Academy Building.

Submitted by Matt Gerritsen

Secretary of the Meeting