

TOWN AREA PLAN WORK GROUP
Meeting Of January 20, 2023, at 4:00 pm
DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Attending: Mary Anne Easley, Marsha Fader, Alison King, Mary Longacre, Mickey Rowland, and Henry Terry.

Absent: Regen Horchow and Lee Saperstein

Attendance was verified by a roll call; there was a quorum at all times. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed at the following address:

Meeting Recording:

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1. Call to Order.

Chair Henry Terry called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Mary Longacre reviewed the rules on remote-attendance meetings and said also that this meeting would be recorded. Attendance was verified by roll call.

2. Agenda Approval.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mary Anne Easley, seconded by Alison King, and approved unanimously.

3. Minutes Approval.

The next order of business was approval of the draft minutes for the meeting of November 17, 2022; a motion to approve the draft was made by Mary Anne Easley, seconded by Alison King, and approved unanimously.

4. New Business.

None

5. Old Business.

Henry Terry said that the main order of business at this meeting was to react to Marsha Fader's questions, which were sent out by Henry Terry and copied here.

1. "A schedule review: what is completed, what is not completed, a projected schedule of work even if it's by individual teams;"
2. "Address disaster resilience in some way though I'm sure the larger Master Plan will do so. With total dependence upon ferry boats and helicopters, I'm not sure how this island is set up to deal with getting lots of people off the island. We apparently did not get high marks for taking care of stranded Christmas Strollers last weekend;"
3. "My last thought came from the November 2022 AARP Bulletin's article titled 'More Areas Are Age-Friendly'. It inspired me to consider our recommendations from this perspective where we have not already done so. I am attaching links to the article and its resources. I checked their map of Massachusetts' age-friendly areas to learn that Martha's Vineyard and Barnstable are "in the process of creating their action plans" to be age-friendly. My intention is to inspire us further - not to distract us from our task at hand. And I guess that most of us are in the over-50 age category."

<https://states.aarp.org/massachusetts/more-areas-become-age-friendly-in-massachusetts>

<https://states.aarp.org/massachusetts/all-things-age-friendly-with-aarp-massachusetts>

https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/?cmp=RDRCT-LIVABL_SEPT09_012

<https://livablemap.aarp.org/#/view=map>

Invited by Henry Terry, Marsha Fader spoke of her concern for a schedule that could help pace the Work Group to its concluding report. Mary Longacre suggested that each subcommittee form its own schedule. Henry Terry said that the open-space subcommittee report for which he was responsible was the only input not dependent upon the forthcoming survey. The Town and its consultant are bringing the existing Open-Space Report up to date and it is expected that a draft will be available soon for public comment. The final report will provide input into the Master Plan. All other subcommittee reports are awaiting the distribution and return of the survey. Once we start to analyze survey responses, we may be able to draft a schedule for completion of a draft Work-Group report.

Next, Marsha Fader said that she was also concerned for the safety of Nantucket residents in the event of a storm emergency. Several committee members spoke to the reality of not having an evacuation route and of the need to shelter on the Island in the event of a crippling storm. It was acknowledged that this is an important issue for Nantucket but not really part of the charge to the Town Area Plan Work Group. Mary Longacre noted that some parts of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan, such as street flooding and stormwater management, apply strongly to the Town area.

Marsha Fader's concern for Nantucket's care for the aged formed the third question. Reactions from Mickey Rowland, Henry Terry, and Mary Anne Easley showed that the housebound or infirmed may give their name to the Fire Department for inclusion in a response list that guides the department to people who may need help during an emergency. Memories of past snow storms that were severe enough to limit travel, including walking, were shared. It was agreed that the Town has done a better job of snow clearance in recent years and that, also, while an important issue for Town management, this was not something that fits within an area plan.

Henry Terry then asked if there was anything that we should discuss from the linked AARP articles. Marsha Fader said that she had included them in her questions because the articles themselves discuss the attributes of an age-friendly community. Mary Anne Easley said that Nantucket has gone a long way, in terms of training first-responders as well as care givers, toward being a dementia-friendly community, which is a component of being age-friendly. Mickey Rowland said that he and Marsha Fader were responsible for the housing portion of the draft area plan and that they will review their report to see if elements of age-friendly housing should be included it.

Next, Henry Terry asked Mary Longacre on the status of the survey. She started by saying that Poets Corner had created a draft postcard for her to review. These will have an address-specific code and will be sent to individuals urging them to complete the survey. Thus, she said that we should soon see responses to the survey. In answer to Henry Terry's question of how long should we wait before reviewing responses, she thought that we should review the response rate at the beginning of school-vacation time, which is February 26th to March 4th and if it is low that we should then use social media to provide residents the opportunity to respond. Early March is a good target for a start to an analysis of the survey responses.

6. Adjourn.

Henry Terry asked if there was any other business to be discussed before adjournment. Marsha Fader asked, in keeping with her question on schedule, when were the next meetings and did we know what would be discussed. As listed below, the next meetings are February 7th and 17th, followed by one on March 7th, thus avoiding School Vacation Week. He then asked for a motion to adjourn, which was given by Mary Anne Easley, seconded by Alison King, and approved unanimously.

Adjournment came at 4:29 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 4:00 pm. Until advised otherwise, this meeting will be by Zoom. NB: the Zoom link will be the same as for all Tuesday meetings but different from that for Friday meetings.

For reference: Subcommittee composition.

2. Land Use: Liz Almodobar and Mary Anne Easley	02/19/2022
3. Housing: Marsha Fader and Mickey Rowland	12/07/2021
4. Economic Development: Alison King and Mary Longacre	05/20/2021
5. Natural and Cultural Resources: Liz Almodobar and Marsha Fader	12/07/2021
6. Open Space and Recreation Plan: Mary Anne Easley and Henry Terry	
7. Services and Facilities: Regen Horchow and Mickey Rowland	12/07/2021
8. Circulation; Mary Longacre and Lee Saperstein	07/05/2021

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