

Washington St. Workgroup Minutes
Friday, July 26, 2024 at 11:00am
Hybrid: Zoom and in person at the Land Bank Office

Members present: Brooke Mohr, Nat Lowell, Allen Reinhard, Matt Fee, John Stackpole

Members absent:

Staff present: Leah Hill, Jesse Bell, Claire Martin, Chuck Larson, Emma Kantola, Laura Marrett (SCAPE), Vince Murphy

Packet here: <https://nantucket-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/08232024-14200>

A. CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. May not exceed 3 minutes per speaker.

1. FRANCIS STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

o Abutter Meeting

- July 29, 2024 at Greater Light from 5:00-6:30pm
 - Brief overview of the presentation from SCAPE including anticipated timelines, notes given prior, and what they hope to portray
- Discuss and approve abutter meeting format and anticipated questions
 - Discussed adding sewer department and select board; added “regional agencies” in addition to “governmental agencies” to include NPEDC
 - Brooke expressed she enjoyed the presentation and appreciated the details included.
 - Nat questioned the use of the word “prolong” and expressed concern over how that word would be perceived
 - Matt noted some anticipated questions about the taking of housing or regarding wetland expansions and height
 - Nat requested terminology changes from bike path to multiuse
 - Brooke stated she could see herself there in a slide
 - All voiced that “seeing themselves there” was what they wanted to see
 - Matt explained the connection between the multiuse paths
 - Laura expressed a highlight for the connection of the multiuse paths
 - Nat questioned permitting for current items that are not legal, stating that there will be questions about this
 - Laura expressed the importance of pre-conversations during the planning as well as explained work on the cape for development of these features
 - Vince explained how to take these to the different organizations to get approval as well as the process of waivers from the Conservation Commission
 - Leah questioned the timeline slide and suggested putting in the scope for this project and permitting explaining the permitting info could be placed here.
 - Vince suggested another group being NPEDC to add to the

presentation

- Nat questioned approval of an existing condition, stating it's a mixture and needs to be updated
 - Jesse Bell questioned if the format of this meeting was for people to break up into smaller groups
 - Laura stated that is the goal but it depends on the amount of people present
 - Jesse Bell expressed concern that Laura and Joe can only answer certain questions
 - Matt Fee stated certain people can ask questions and the goal is for a conversation
 - Vince suggested having floaters to move between tables
- Review and approve presentation slides
 - Brooke moves to approve the presentation and slides with discussed changes
 - Approved –5-0
 - Edit and approve stakeholder web
 - Approved 5-0 with the above vote
 - Approve interactive boards
 - Laura explained the interactive boards and what they entail
 - Matt questioned if the photo discussed showing the raised elevation would be shown
 - Laura will add this photo
 - Matt motions for approval of boards, Brooke seconds
 - Approved (5-0)
- Downtown Resilience Planning Community Open House
 - August 7, 2024 at the Whaling Museum from 8:00am-9:30am and 5:30-7:00pm
 - Discuss which workgroup representatives will attend
 - Discussed who was available who wasn't for attendance
 - Brooke explained she has tried to encourage individuals from coastal zone management to encourage people to come from the state
 - Leah stated they are funding the easy street project
 - Brooke will extend the invitation
 - Laura expressed it was a great opportunity to explain what is going on with the project
 - Leah will advertise for this meeting
 - Discuss and approve open house format
 - Laura explained layout
 - Review and approve boards
 - Laura explained the boards and what they would explain/where the information came from
 - Leah had very minor edits sent in
 - Matt expressed it was starting to look like children's beach, being

that it was usable and expressed “selling” the idea was very important

- Laura explained that even just the recreational benefit alone was really important
 - Review and approve 1 page pamphlet
 - Laura explained the reasoning behind the pamphlet
 - Pamphlet will be translated into Spanish with a Spanish translator present at the open house
 - Leah stated the need to add the CZM logo
 - Suggestion to change language to rain garden
 - Motion to approve open house format, boards, and pamphlet made by Brooke seconded by Matt
 - Approved 5-0
2. NEXT MEETING: August 9, 2024 at 11:00 am

3. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

B. ADJOURNMENT
Approved (5-0)