

Canton Master Plan Update Steering Committee Meeting

November 9, 2018, 7-9 pm

Canton Public Library

786 Washington St

MINUTES

Present: Horsley Witten Group: Krista Moravec

Master Plan Steering Committee: David McCarthy, Gerald Carmichael, John McSweeney, Sonja Grauds, Tonja Mettlach, and Michael McMahon Staff: Laura Smead, Town Planner

Not present: Meredith McLoughlin, Tom Theodore, and Emilio Mauro

		Discussion
1. Welcome/Late Arrivals	7:00-7:05	
2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes	7:05-7:10	
3. Recap of First Public Workshop	7:10-7:40	<p><i>Homework Questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>What worked well?</i> <p>Horsley Witten Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>What could have we done better?</i> <p>Turn out not as high as hoped for – scheduling issues esp. w/ school schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>What did you hear that surprised you?</i> <p>Very focused on transforming downtown (as opposed to Route 138), strong interest in bike infrastructure, housing for families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>What did you hear that you expected?</i> <p>Concerns about traffic, land use, residential/condo development and mobility</p>
4. Group Exercise: Big Picture Issues	7:40-8:30	<p><i>Homework Question</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Based on baseline material reviewed to date and feedback from the public workshop, what larger issues are emerging that we should be addressing in the Master Plan?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfunded pension • Natural Resources • Washington Street/ Route 138 development • East-west corridor revisited? • Mobility & Transit access- bus or shuttle to train stations • Knowledge of open space & recreation- easy ways to get word out about parks, etc could be Citizen spotlight feature; priorities/ action plan • Economic development/ redevelopment/ Route 138 • Land use tensions between growth and diversity of uses/ housing/affordability • Big issue topic: Active/passive recreation opportunities – prioritizing open space & recreation; Distribution of resources and funding - Knowledge of open space & recreation; priorities/ action plan - Link Open space to historic assets

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marking open spaces and land marks - "Canton Day" – block party – in the center - New people have a hard time know recreation resources in town - Parks & Rec department / Park & Rec Committee/ DPW – working on how it communicates with public - "Welcome to Canton" packet with social support/ capital, civic engagement, events, "third spaces", events...
5. Public Outreach & Communication	8:30-9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Citizen Op Eds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o December: Meredith o January: volunteers contact Laura or Krista - Targeted outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Continue online survey through 11/21 o Council on Aging session o Other ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce/ CABI - Schools/ Youth