

# Canton Master Plan Update Steering Committee Meeting

December 13, 2018, 7-9 pm

Canton Public Library

786 Washington St

## MINUTES

**Present:** Horsley Witten Group: Nate Kelly, Krista Moravec

Master Plan Steering Committee: Tom Theodore, Emilio Mauro, Meredith McLoughlin, Sonja Grauds; and Michael McMahon

Staff: Laura Smead, Town Planner

**Not present:** David McCarthy, Gerald Carmichael, John McSweeny, and Tonja Mettlach

		Discussion/Homework
1. Welcome/Late Arrivals	7:00-7:05	
2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes	7:05-7:10	
3. Baseline Report Topic: Energy	7:10-7:40	<p>Overview of Snapshot (see <a href="#">181205_CantonMP_BaselineDRAFT_Energy.docx</a>)</p> <p><i>Homework Questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>What surprised you or was inconsistent with your perception of Canton? <b>Commercial/Industrial energy saving rates are down, while residential energy saving is going up. Some were not aware of solar farm.</b></i></li> <li>– <i>What concerns you? Where are opportunities? <b>Commercial/Industrial energy saving rates are down, while residential energy saving is going up. How can town buildings be more efficient or rely more on green energy?</b></i></li> <li>– <i>Where would you like to see more information? <b>Show statewide numbers for comparison; Investigate/ add information on Green Municipal Aggregation; Add info on existing Electric Vehicle charging station locations (Starbucks at Cobbs Corner and Dunkin' Donuts Headquarters) – who pays for EV stations? Cambridge, MA has a model EV charging program; Does facility needs assessment for schools describe putting more solar on school buildings? Public buildings? How much money is generated from the solar farm annually, what is it spent on now, and can it be earmarked specifically for more green energy or environmental projects? Are there more buildings besides listed that have solar installations?</b></i></li> </ul>
4. Continued: Big Picture Issues	7:40-8:30	<p>Continue discussion of issues (see <a href="#">181109_CantonMP_BigIssues_DRAFT.docx</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Unfunded pension liability – ask Jim Murgia and Charlie Aspinwall on how the town is doing in this area</li> <li>– Traffic and mobility – Laura gave update on Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant and MAPC technical assistance for Transit Oriented Development zoning, updated on MassDOT studies and plans for Route 138 corridor</li> <li>– Open Space (discussed 11/9)</li> <li>– Recreation: update that rink was funded, pool will be on town meeting agenda for 2019; explore how recreation facilities/ opportunities are distributed throughout town</li> </ul>

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5. Public Outreach & Communication	8:30-9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next public event: tentative 2/27<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30a and March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-12pm; Snow date is 3/6<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30a and 3/9<sup>th</sup> 10-12p</li> <li>- Op eds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o December: Meredith</li> <li>o January? TBD</li> <li>o February: Sonja</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Targeted outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Business survey (12/6 and ongoing survey)</li> <li>o Council on Aging session (Dec 20)</li> <li>o Commuter outreach/survey (January)</li> <li>o Youth/Schools (January/February) – High School TBD, Elementary school (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) late Jan/early Feb</li> <li>o Massasoit Community College (January)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>