

Canton Master Plan Update Steering Committee Meeting

May 28th, 2019, 7-9 pm

Canton Public Library – Trustees Conference Room

786 Washington St

MINUTES

Present: Master Plan Steering Committee: David McCarthy, Gerald Carmichael, Michael McMahon, Sonja Grauds, Emilio Mauro, and Meredith McLoughlin

Staff: Laura Smead, Town Planner

Not present: John McSweeney Tom Theodore, and Tonja Mettlach

		Discussion/Homework
1. Welcome/Late Arrivals	7:00-7:05	Meeting minutes accepted 5-0 (Michael arrived after minutes vote taken)
2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes (April)	7:05-7:10	
3. Discussion of Master Plan guiding principles	7:10-8:45	<p>Review list of sample guiding principles, and draft principles for 2035 Master Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decided to try to come up with at least one guiding principal for each of the general sections of the Master Plan • Did not create a guiding principal for future land use, as the group felt this had been addressed through other guiding principles, especially in the focus areas. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Healthy Living) Housing and Neighborhoods: Canton will provide homes for a diversity of residents, including those of different socio-economic levels and for all ages. 2. (Healthy Living) Town Services: The Town will continue to provide high quality services, facilities, and infrastructure, while maintaining efficient resource management. The town will value its facilities and infrastructure and will maintain them well. Residents will all know what services are available in town and how best to access those services. 3. (Healthy Living) Public Health & Social Wellbeing: Canton will provide essential human services for the most vulnerable community members, physical and economic access to healthful food, and optimize opportunities for healthy choices, community participation, and safety to enhance quality of life for all ages. 4. Work, Commerce, and Economic Vitality: Canton will foster equitable economic prosperity and stability by retaining and expanding businesses of all sizes in collaboration with the business community. 5. (Staying Active and Having Fun) Recreation & Open Space: Canton will enable people of all ages to maintain healthy, active lifestyles by integrating physical activity into their daily routines through walkable neighborhoods, community recreational spaces and trails, and programming. 6. (Staying Active and Having Fun) Shopping & Entertainment: Canton will provide a broad range of arts and cultural resources, local shopping and entertainment options, activities that

		<p>encourage community member participation, creative self-expression, and community and economic revitalization.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Connecting Through Town: Canton will utilize the location of our town and regional transportation network to establish a safe and convenient multimodal transportation system that will serve the town’s residents, its neighborhoods and businesses, while maintaining adequate traffic management. 8. (The Legacy We Honor and the Legacy We Create) Historic and Cultural Resources: Canton will preserve, promote, and encourage adaptive reuse of historic structures and sites to retain local, regional, and national history and heritage, and reinforce community character. 9. (The Legacy We Honor and the Legacy We Create) Natural Environment/Natural Hazards/Climate Change: Canton will protect, enhance, and restore natural ecosystems and landscapes to confer resilience and reduce climate impacts, support clean water, ensure a secure water supply, and defend against natural hazards. 10. (The Legacy We Honor and the Legacy We Create) Climate Change/Energy Conservation: Canton will seek to increase community sustainability through climate adaptation and mitigation efforts to increase water, waste, and energy resource efficiency. 11. (Focus Areas) Downtown/Canton Center: The downtown will have a strong sense of community. It will be walkable, vibrant with activity, have a broad range of uses, and connect to other community spaces. 12. (Focus Areas) Route 138: Route 138 will be transformed into a revitalized destination with expanded businesses, shopping, and entertainment activities while increasing safety and access for all modes of transportation. 13. (Focus Areas) Canton Junction: The Canton Junction neighborhood will become a compact, walkable center that connects to public transit, the downtown, and other commerce centers. It will offer diverse uses and services, and provide housing options for families of all income levels.
4. Public Outreach & Communication	8:45-9:00	<p>– Op eds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May – Michael McMahon (Canton Junction); done ○ June – Laura will confirm with Krista that no more Op eds are required; otherwise, will follow up with Gerald for a June op ed on cultural resources.