

# Joint PLANNING BOARD & Master Plan Steering Committee

## MEETING NOTES

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 5th

**TIME:** 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**PLACE:** hybrid meeting: MV Museum 151 Lagoon Pond Rd – Tisbury, MA

Steering C'tee members: Lyndsay Famariss, Chair (LF), Susannah Bristol (SB), Melinda Loberg (ML), Elissa Turnbull, Sean Roach (SR), Phil Hale (PH), Mary Ellen Larsen (MEL)

Planning Board: Casey Hayward, Elaine Miller, Ben Robinson, Chair

Amy Upton (AU), PB Admin, Dan Doyle (DD) project admin

Consultants: Barrett Planning Group: Judi Barrett (JB), Jill Slankas (JS), Dillon Sussman (DS), Peter Flinker (PF)

Members of the Public: Jesse Steere, Dorothy Packer, Debby Packer, Nancy Gilfoy (FinCom rep)

### TOPICS:

1. Welcome & opening remarks (SC) – 5 min
2. Review Vision statements & diagrams for commercial districts – 25-30 min

Diagrams are not yet ready for review; DF covered the extensive work and numerous meetings – both public and working group – that have taken place on the heels of the October workshops and February presentations.

The Vision statements reflect the mixed and many goals for the commercial districts.

3. Review Draft Implementation Plan (SC/PB/BPG) – 35-45 min

JS walked through some of the areas that were clarified, consolidated and rounded out with more additions (such as the Housing section). Some formatting changes also helped reduce the draft by 12 pages from the previous

Beta will revisit some of the content under the Transportation section.

Horsely Whitten asked for the Board of Health input on Actions that relate to them.

DD shared some of Cheryl Doble's comments related to potentially retitling the Governance section to "Governance, Government Facilities, and Services", if not resequencing that section so it is not first. The tradeoffs of doing so were also discussed.

CH shared that we should consider novel approaches to incentivize relocation out of vulnerable areas, such as partnering with MV Land Bank so they will consider purchasing such sites.

BPG will make a note at the beginning of the Action Plan to refer back to the Key Issues document to better understand the actions.

We should also work on the language found near the beginning of the Plan that was excerpted from the 2015 Vision Plan.

Acronym glossary is presently missing some definitions. There are some entities that must be added to the “Responsibility” column for many actions.

BPG emphasized we will need capacity we don’t presently have and that the Town Manager position is not just a matter of semantics.

JB explained that the Goals integrate so many different elements that she advises we take out the titles that have been shown parenthetically in previous drafts (ie. Strike “(Natural Resources & Open Space)”, and simply retain the language of the Goal statement.

BR discussed the significance of the town landfill site as a potential area that can absorb uses that need to ultimately relocate from hazard zones.

PH added this appears to be more of a voluntary strategy for our town but we should have the forums in place to coordinate the retreat when it becomes necessary – because it’s a matter of when, not if. The consultant team also feels that a more dedicated public engagement process take place to facilitate that conversation and get community buy in for the host of options the town could use for relocating land uses.

BR also talked about the need for more flexibility in the town regulations for land uses near the water to better adapt to their shifting conditions.

DD will schedule a working session with some of the C’tee and PB members to complete the review. Members can also document their comments and send to Dan.

The PB lost quorum near the end of this agenda item, as EM needed to depart.

SR requested some clarification on the Timeframe language (Immediate, Ongoing, etc)

#### 4. Logistics for Public Master Plan rollout event (BPG/PB) -10 min

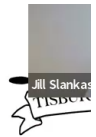
DD has put together a [shared work plan document](#) for the two events on 9/22 and 23. MVTV will be recording the event. Nikeya put together a great poster that is in shops around town and other visible locations.

#### 5. Recap meeting with Town Staff in Aug. (SC/PB) - 5 -10 min

There was a small turnout of four staff, but many C'tee members attended, along with PB members. Town staff feels strongly that clarifying roles and responsibilities is a priority. The library staff shared how they are routinely tasked with serving our underserved and vulnerable populations.

## 6. Project Timeline (BPG)

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#### September 2023

- ☐ Joint SC and PB Meeting to review revised Implementation Program
- ☐ Dodson & Flinker work on the final iteration of the Vision Plans
- ☐ Dan and subgroup of SC & PB meet with town staff to go over goals, policies, and actions
- ☐ In-Person Public Presentation on Project to Date, Highlighting some Key Issues and High-Level Actions recommended in the

- ☐ In-Person Open House to facilitate discussion on Implementation Program

#### October 2023

- ☐ Joint SC and PB Meeting – SC & PB vote to approve the Vision, Goals, Policies, and Implementation Program
- ☐ Virtual Public Presentation (same as the one on 9/22)
- ☐ Consultant Team completes work on the Master Plan
- ☐ BPG works to compile the final report

## 7. Public comment

Debby Packer voiced her disapproval of visioning on private properties, along with her desire to see the next set of plans prior to them getting strong consideration. She feels the concept alternatives are misleading as they are presently still on the website and that some additional language should be added to clarify the C'tee is not proceeding with any of them. The Privately Owned Public Spaces designation should also be removed.

DD responded they took the suggestion from the Open Houses to reach out to private property owners first to see if they are interested in any future engagement/visioning work done on their land.

Ms. Packer also shared a petition that was presented to the Tisbury Select Board. It reads as follows: *Remove all plans on and alterations of private properties and business from the new Town of Tisbury Master Plan before it is recorded as public record.*

BR indicated they would need to wait before they see the next round of visuals from the commercial districts until they are produced by D&F, and vetted by the C'tee and Planning Board.

Jesse Steere requested that their opposition be included in meeting notes and that those be public facing and archived in a way that the public can see them.