

Joint Master Plan Steering Committee & Planning Board meeting

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MEETING Notes

DATE: Tuesday, December 5th, 2023

TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

PLACE: MV Museum, 151 Lagoon Pond Road (hybrid)

Steering C'tee members: Lyndsay Famariss, Chair (LF), Susannah Bristol (SB), Elissa Turnbull (ET), Melinda Loberg (ML), Sean Roach (SR), Nikeya Tankard (NT), Rick Homans (RH), Mary Ellen Larsen (MEL), Phil Hale (PH), Cheryl Doble (CD)

Planning Board: Elaine Miller (EM), Casey Heyward (CH), Cheryl Doble (CD), Ben Robinson (BR) - Chair

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

Consultants: Barrett Planning Group: Jill Slankas (JS), Judi Barrett (JB)

TOPICS:

1. Review/revise Draft Implementation Program (SC/PB)

Edits were made to the draft; the C'tee addressed [comments](#) submitted by Connie Alexander of the Planning Board, and RH. CD indicated she would think of draft actions to consider to strengthen the policy related to the Green Economy.

2. Vote to Adopt Implementation Program (SC/PB)

SB motioned to adopt the Implementation Program, including tonight's edits, along with any changes the Planning Board makes the following evening at their meeting. RH seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adoption.

3. Master Plan report rollout timeline (BPG)

JB indicated she will be pulling together the full report during the week between Christmas and New Year. The PB will have 3 weeks to review and submit comments; SC will receive copies as well. Requested changes will be limited to facets of the report that have not already been reviewed, such as narrative preceding the Implementation Program matrix. BPG will visit the island in person to present the full Master Plan to the Planning Board, along with any Steering C'tee members who would like to attend. Select Board and members of the public will be invited to attend this event as well.

PH suggested the C'tee discuss some talking points to present a united front when discussing this Plan with the Select Board.

The attendees discussed why it is a better approach for the townspeople to present the Master Plan at Town Meeting but to limit votes to individual actions, not the entirety of a large, complex Plan.

A round of thanks was expressed to the consultants and the members who took extensive leadership roles. The consultants praised the C'tee and Board for their commitment and hard work.

4. Public comment

No members of the public were present. A reporter from the Vineyard Gazette attended but she did not have any questions or comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.