

**Town of Sharon
Master Plan Steering Committee
Minutes of 12/12/18
Sharon Community Center**

Members in Attendance

Pat Pannone
Chuck Levine
Signe Flieger
Laura Smead
Keri Murray
Eli Hauser

Susan Price

Others

Benjamin Dickerman
Ayush Thacker
Herb Gould
David Strauss

Meeting Minutes

Committee members reviewed and approved meeting minutes for October 3rd and November 14th, 2018. Chuck made the motions to approve and Laura seconded them.

Youth Lead

Ben and Ayush said the purposes of the Youth Lead Club at Sharon High School are to build leadership skills and to discuss difficult issues. They have different types of meetings and activities: Reflect, Connect, and Act. They invited MPSC to attend their Connect meeting on December 16th. That meeting will be centered around "vision planning" so the students can learn the process and techniques for gathering information.

Discussion of Draft Vision Statement and Outline.

Laura asked whether there was a purpose behind the order of the plan elements in the Vision Statement. Pat said he thinks the plan element chapters should build on each other. Laura said Community Health should either be first or last.

Chuck said the Vision Statement had a lot of good words but was somewhat empty and didn't feel Sharon specific. He suggested more action words. Signe said that some of the bullet points seem broad and some seem specific (like public facilities) and it should be consistent.

Eli said the plan needs to state facts, then problems/issues, then implications/solutions. Laura noted that Canton's Master Plan will have three volumes: Existing Conditions, Problems, Action Plan.

Susan Price noted that the plan elements under 3b are actually incorporated under each plan element in 3a. She also said that the Vision Statement mentions ecotourism and

pointed out that there was an Ecotourism Committee which had received a grant from MAPC and put together an ecotourism brochure. She said that the Master Plan could build upon that work and ultimately it would be great to have a digital brochure that could be updated easily.

Laura wondered how the plan will show connections when a goal or action item crosses different chapters. Susan will ask CivicMoxie but suggested one idea was to use symbols to represent different plan elements so then if an action item relates to more than one plan element, those symbols would guide the reader by pointing out which plan elements are relevant.

Signe said that she and Laura would rewrite the bullet points about Community Health.

Discussion of October 25th meeting and Fall Survey results

Chuck noticed that the consultant had said only 4.7% of the residents are age 65 and older on the slide at the October 25th meeting when it is actually 17.8%. Susan Price will mention this to CivicMoxie.

Discussion of Do It Yourself meeting results

4 meetings were held. There may be another if the Library Director is able to host it.

Parking study

David Strauss of the Sharon Transportation Advisory Board said the Town got a \$50,000 grant to study the parking situation at the commuter rail station and to look at construction of a parking deck. He said they are looking at various issues including studying demand management at the train station. He said they are also looking at other options without a garage, including a multimodal strategy. He asked how the plan will impact the use of the train station.

Discussion of Public Health Chapter

Signe said the subcommittee canceled the December meeting. Susan to check again with Barry as to the status of MAPC's work on the Public Health chapter.

Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, January 15th

Wednesday, February 13th

Tuesday, March 12th.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.