

Town of Cohasset
Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC)
January 24, 2022 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

A meeting of the MPIC was held at 7:00 pm on January 24, 2022 virtually on Zoom. In attendance were:

Katie Dugan, Chair, Citizen at Large
Jennifer Boylan, Member, Citizen at Large
Cassie Malatesta, Member, Citizen at Large
Timothy Davis, Member, Liaison from Harbor Committee
Amy Glasmeier, Vice Chair, Liaison from Planning Board
Marisa Manley, Liaison from Open Space & Recreation Committee
Lauren Lind, Town Planner, Ex-Officio Member

Absent:

Julia Gleason, Liaison from Cohasset Historical Commission
Liaison from Affordable Housing Steering Committee – Vacant

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved minutes from December 6, 2021. Katie Dugan will forward to Town Clerk's office to post on the Town website.

Elm Street Corridor Project

Lauren Lind gave a brief update to the MPIC on the Elm Street Corridor project. The group discussed the current input from abutters and from a few vocal concerned citizens. The plan is to finalize the costing work which will better inform the Elm Street Working Group, community and the Select Board regarding the likely final construction cost of the corridor & the intersection. Jason Federico is working with third-party consultant to develop this data which will be reviewed in February/March. The MPIC discussed sending a letter of support regarding the project to the Select Board. The committee voted in favor of sending a letter. Katie Dugan will draft a letter similar to the one used to support Sohier Street sidewalks. Tim Davis will work to get abutters letter of support and CHIP letter of support to complement one from MPIC. Lauren Lind and Katie Dugan will discuss letter of support from the Planning Board.

Climate Resiliency & Adaptation

Lauren Lind, Marisa Manley & Katie Dugan will be meeting to review the draft report prepared by Brianna Bennett. The goal is to finalize this draft report based on input from the November survey and then socialize the content with key committees. Next steps will include a summit meeting between all relevant committees to highlight issues related to energy resiliency,

harbor resiliency, land conservation, water conservation, waste reduction, & regional opportunities and partnerships. The goal of the summit later in 2022 will be:

- Quantify and communicate the impacts of climate change on Cohasset Review scenarios and impacts to different stakeholders (residential, commercial, municipal) Evaluate health and status of existing resources
- Prioritizing Specific Projects, Timeline, & Responsibilities
- Delegate to committees, departments, and volunteers Strategize action plans and implement next steps

Affordable Housing

Lauren Lind and Jen Boylan gave an update on the affordable housing initiatives in Town. CHI is moving forward with state licensing process for offsite housing promised as part of Planning Board approval of their site plan review. The 380/390 CJC project was approved for site plan modification by the Planning Board. The applicant hopes to have partial certificate of occupancy for affordable housing units first. The 808 Jerusalem project is moving forward for 2 units after site visit and local permitting will follow after DHCD approvals. The Affordable Housing Trust has approached the Select Board regarding a potential warrant article to acquire two parcels (owned by the Town as tax-takings) to sell them for cash to fund the trust & future affordable housing projects.

Comprehensive Zoning Redraft

Katie Dugan quickly review the work being done by the Zoning Bylaw Working Group on a Request for Qualifications for a zoning consultant. RFQ has been finalized and has been posted publicly. The deadline for applicants to reply is early February, and the zoning working group is hoping for 2-3 potential respondents to the bid request.

Regional Sewer

Corey Evans continues to work with the Town Manager, the Cohasset Sewer Commission, and the Town of Sewer to outline terms by which Cohasset and Scituate could agree to sewer the harbor and North Scituate. The group reviewed a short presentation prepared by Corey Evans regarding the issues that need to be addressed in any multi-town sewerage agreement.

Sidewalk Plan & Funding Update

Katie Dugan will work to get Chief Quigley and Town Manager to the next MPIC meeting to discuss the Year 2+ priority.

Administrative

Katie Dugan will poll the group regarding next meeting date once she has spoken with the Town Manager and the Chief of Police regarding their availability.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.