

MINUTES

Approved: December 19, 2023

Master Plan Implementation Committee

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

7:30 PM

Place: Hybrid Meeting – to be conducted in person and via Zoom in the Town Hall Auditorium, Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475.

Present in person: Miranda Jennings, Jill Sackett (Chair)

Present via Zoom: Nikki Nickerson (Project Manager), Guy Corbosiero

Absent: Erika Eitland, Amanda Phillips (Secretary), Joe Wolski

Meeting Called to Order at 7:49 PM.

I. Remote Access Participation

We acknowledged hybrid participation and took roll call.

II. Public Comments

We welcomed Jane LaPointe and Paul Hackett attending as members of the public. Jane expressed interest in the MPIC's reaction to the Community Heart and Soul survey results.

III. Member Comments

There were no member comments.

IV. Old Business

Nikki provided an overview of activity-to-date on the Master Plan (MP). Out of 230 strategies, about 80-25, or 1/3, have some level of activity reported. We noted that we have not yet met with groups who would contribute to some of the other strategies; these efforts remain underway.

Jane suggested that we include the parent MP Goals on the MP tracking sheet which Nikki agreed to do. Jane further suggested that when we meet with groups we should consider reading the opening Background of a given chapter, and the parent Goals to help prompt feedback of work being done in these areas that may not match a specific Strategy.

Jill gave an overview of the MP at the Community Partnership Breakfasts hosted by the CAC on August 22. Since we received good feedback from groups attending, Miranda proposed that we continue using the Community Partnership Breakfasts hosted a forum to collect information. She will lead MP discussion at the next Breakfast scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, and talk to Shaina about getting on that agenda. All MPIC members are welcome to attend and/or assist.

Jill noted that our Committee's agreed focus was to flesh out the Health and Well-being Chapter of the MP, and we will continue to primarily focus on that Chapter.

IV. New Business

a) We reviewed the minutes for July 26, 2023. Guy motioned and Miranda seconded to approve. Minutes were unanimously approved by roll call.

b) Miranda and Paul co-presented the Community Heart and Soul survey results. Of note:

- The results in large part aligned with the MP and confirmed the work that had been completed by the Master Plan Committee.
- The results highlighted a known deficit in the MP – more opportunities and engagement of youth. At a future point the MP may be updated to include more strategies related to youth.

The Heart and Soul project's next step will be a coaching session on how to engage the community to take action. MPIC members are invited to attend, and they hope to partner with the MPIC going forward. HEAL has a \$5000 grant that can be spent on a project to bring one of the Heart and Soul statements to light. More discussion will follow on this.

VI. Adjournment

Miranda will chair the next MPIC meeting on Tuesday, October 24; Jill is unable to attend.

Miranda motioned and Nikki seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM by unanimous roll call.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Sackett for Amanda Phillips, Secretary.