



Town of Southwick

Master Plan Advisory Committee



MINUTES

February 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

**Joint “Hybrid” Meeting of the Master Plan Advisory Committee and the Planning Board:
In-person at the Town Hall Auditorium, Southwick Town Hall, 454 College Highway,
Southwick, MA and also open for participation via Zoom (*Per the Chapter 20 Acts of 2021*)**

Written Minutes

(Not verbatim - comments can be heard on recordings available at www.southwickma.org)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER & MPAC MEMBER Marcus Phelps
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER & MPAC MEMBER David Spina
SELECT BOARD MEMBER Doug Moglin
DPW MEMBER Randy Brown
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBER David DeiDolori
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEMBER Burt Hansen
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER Dave MacWilliams
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER Patrick Jubb
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER Aleda DeMaria
LAKES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER Norm Cheever
OWNER OF TOWN BUSINESS Scott Lamon, Tynic Landscaping
RESIDENT Dorrie Boyd
RESIDENT Roz Terry
RESIDENT Jessica Whitmore Parker
RESIDENT Cori Rolland
RESIDENT Maryssa Cook-Obregon

TOWN STAFF:

TOWN PLANNER Jon Goddard

ABSENT:

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR & MPAC MEMBER (*ex officio*) Michael Doherty
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER Richard Utzinger
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER David Sutton
PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER Jessica Thornton

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER Amber Bach
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER Lucas Caron
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER Maria Michael
PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY Meghan Lightcap

Also attending the meeting were several people identified on Zoom.

The joint “hybrid” meeting of the Southwick Planning Board and Master Plan Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the MPAC) was scheduled to take place via Zoom and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Phelps. He stated that the meeting was being recorded, asked if anyone else was recording the meeting, and asked if all persons could hear via Zoom.

1. Roll call for attendance of Committee Members

Mr. Phelps noted that there was no quorum of the Planning Board at this meeting.

2. Public Comment and Dialogue

3. Old Business

- a. Update on Focus Groups Meetings – Town Planner Jon Goddard said that there was a meeting on Monday on *Aging in Southwick* that was held by the Council on Aging and facilitated by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. The attendees shared their thoughts and concerns on future needs. He said next Thursday they will be meeting for Natural Resources and Open Space and March 9 for Housing discussions. Mr. Goddard said they are also looking to meet with the student council in March.
- b. Review Draft Vision and Themes – Committee Member Cori Rolland shared her screen to show the document. She said they had additional input and showed those changes onscreen. The group discussed whether or not to add "country" or "rural" to describe Southwick and agreed to not include any description of the town. They made further changes to the input section and finalized the document.

4. New Business

- a. Report on Aging in Southwick Listening Session – Mr. Phelps said Becky Basch of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission provided a set of slides to use during the demonstration and that will be sent to the committee members and Mr. Phelps went over them with the group. They discussed assets, challenges and opportunities in town.
- b. Comments on Draft Technical Reports – Ken Comia of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission said there is an open space chapter added and that will be expanded once they meet on this topic. He discussed the next steps that

they will be working toward such as implementation and suggested advertising for the next focus group meeting for housing. Mr. Phelps said he would like to give a summary to the Planning Board in May so they will be ready to move on this and Mr. Comia agreed that would work.

5. Routine Business

- a. Committee Member Comments. Mr. Moglin said the Select Board had a survey on retail marijuana sales and he shared the document with the group. He said the result of the survey was 45.15% in favor and 54.85% against.
- b. Committee Member Comments. None

*Being no further business to be brought before the committee, A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Moglin and **SECONDED** by Mr. Deidolori to close the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

The Next Scheduled Meeting is March 2, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning Board Administrative Assistant

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Jessica Whitmore Parker

David Spina

Doug Moglin

Randy Brown

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