

Master Plan Implementation Committee
Virtual Online Meeting
June 13, 2024 8am

Minutes

Present: Nate Therien, Michelle Theroux, Susan Perry, Mary Jo Maydew, Renee Sweeney, John Parenteau, Robert Martin

Absent: Daniel Hamel, Larry Dixon, Laura Woz (term expiring, not renewing)

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 23, 2024

Mary Jo moves to approve, Michelle seconds, all approve.

Review of draft report to Town Meeting

Mary Jo encouraged more white space in the formatting, which will make the length easier to navigate. Since we only report once a year, the length is unavoidable.

Planning for joint meeting with Planning Board, Select Board and Town Administrator

Susan wants us to specifically ask folks to pay more attention to diversity in recruitment. Diversity in all efforts. Nate wants us to discuss our own process in meeting and reporting, as we went from three to two cycles a year. Encourages us to attend meetings with our assigned groups more often than during the reporting cycle. Mary Jo thinks we should highlight which areas of the Plan itself are getting more and less robust attention. Perhaps MPIC should be more composed of folks who belong to the other committees, so that we're more embedded. What is the proper role of the liaisons we formalized in our last bylaw update? How can we balance that "dual membership" convenience against wanting more folks involved and more diverse recruitment.

Robert asked about the MVP program mentioned in the report and Nate spoke briefly about that initiative to engage populations most vulnerable to climate change and provide funding to support that engagement.

When to meet? Looking at July 9th or August 6th? When can we reach quorum? Mary Jo unlikely to make an evening meeting. Michelle away for both those dates. Nate had a sense TA Lisa Wong preferred August but he'll continue to check on both dates.

Discussion of future meetings with entities and review of committee assignments

Administration – all

Appropriations – Mary Jo

Board of Assessors – Mary Jo

Bike/Walk – Robert

Bylaw Review Committee – Nate

Capital Planning – Nate

Conservation Commission – Susan (Dan?)

Council on Aging – Susan, Robert

Cultural Council – Susan

Disabilities – Michelle

FD #1, Water Commissioners – Nate

FD #2, Water Commissioners – Nate

Board of Health, Health Dept. – Nate, Michelle, (Dan?)

Historical Commission – Nate

Housing Authority – Nate

Human Rights Commission – John, (Dan?)

Planning – All

Police Department – Mary Jo, Nate

Recreation Commission – Michelle (Dan?)

Redevelopment Authority – Michelle (Dan?)

Schools – Susan, Nate

Select Board – All

SHCTV – Susan, Nate

SHELD – Susan

South Hadley Public Library – Susan

Sustainability & Energy Committee – John, (Dan?)

Tree Committee – Dan

Zoning Board of Appeals – Michelle

How frequently do you meet with them? Don't want to take on their work or become an extension of them. May be a different sweet spot for each committee. Mary Jo asks if we start by reaching out to chairs of each group.

Other Business as yet undetermined when this agenda was prepared

Adjournment