



TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

FINAL MINUTES: JULY 13, 2017

Members Present: ✓ Tom Hall ✓ Carlton D. Hunt ☐ TBD

Guests: Andrew DeIonna of the Bridgewater Community and Economic Development Office (CED)

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 PM July 13, 2017 in Academy Building Rm 201A.

The February 16, 2017 minutes were approved with no changes. Motion passed (2,0)

Old Business

Community and Economic Development Update:

- A. The Open Space and Recreation Plan is completed and pending final acceptance by the state; the Town Managers Office has a BSU intern developing an implementation strategy for the plan.
- B. Housing Production plan update: OCPC is developing draft final plan; a public session is scheduled for July 25th to receive further comments. Final draft review and approval process is under consideration; CED is looking at overlaying USGS developable land GIS data to better identify land that can be developed; CED is updating parcel based data and CAD files conversion to GIS format for submission to the state MASSGIS
- C. Progress on meeting 2014 Master Plan goals and objectives: Inclusionary zoning working draft has been developed; committee requested a copy of the working draft; RFP for the McElwain School reuse is in the final drafting stage; Committee passed a motion (2, 0) to encourage town to get inclusionary zoning in place. This is needed to help ensure the Town maintains 10% affordable housing once the goal is reached. Chair to submit a letter to Town Manager and Planning Board encouraging this be a priority action. See attached tracking forms.
- D. Downtown revitalization strategy and progress: No report
- E. Upcoming Ordinances
 - a. Sign ordinance: no update
 - b. Inclusive zoning (see above)
- F. Claremont Development and Zoning: Comprehensive permit for ZBA review and action is being submitted.
- G. Transit X update: Chair has been working with TRANSIT X CEO to develop a better revenue model for town and private land owners; MPC is expected to request in September 2017 that Town Council act on a resolution to award a master licensing agreement
- H. BSU engagement: Committee reviewed actions from 4/20/2017 meetings: it was noted that an active business marketing plan is very important to have; the Town does not currently have such a plan in place. CED suggested several ways to increase the marketing including linking to local chambers of commerce, various brokers working a commercial development, Mass Development, and a better presence on our town website.

New Business

The importance of the conducting the proposed complete zoning ordinance review was discussed. The scope would include examination of current zoning, possible revisions to the zoning boundaries and allowable uses, and general updates to content to modernize the zoning.

No further discussion or actions being identified the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2017 @ 4PM, Room 201B, Academy Building.

Submitted by Carlton D. Hunt, Ph.D.

MPC Chair



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