

Meeting Minutes 12/5/23
Harwich Town Hall
Harwich MA 02645

I. Call to Order—meeting was called to order by Joyce McIntyre at 5:01pm

II. New Business

- A. Review and Approve meeting minutes from 11/7/23. Motion to approve by Ed McManus and a second by Brian Scheld.
- B. Introduction of New Town Planner Christine Flynn. Christine most recently came from Martha's Vineyard. Each of the committee members introduced themselves.
- C. Discussion of spreading the word. Still waiting on IT for data on our website.
- D. Review of interview guide and documentation. Ed met with realtors at their monthly meeting today to educate them on our "mission". We need to spread the word—can do that when meeting with our subject matter groups. We also need to track the meetings we have with subject matter groups and log on our google drive.
- E. Vision Statement. Had a discussion on the vision statements from the 2000 and 2011 plans. The 2000 statement was more "upbeat" than 2011. 2011 seemed to be a response to the wastewater issues in town and the regulatory requirements surrounding the sewerage requirement. As far as the vision workshops, there will be 4 workshops with a 5th in the summer for the non residents. "Where do we want to be in 5-10 years"?
- F. Identify workshop themes, discuss formats for group visioning workshops. Big picture themes for breakout sessions. Sessions to be held in February/March timeframe. The workshops are an iterative process, includes subject matter leaders. Two community sessions. We need to "market" the survey (spread the word) and the community meetings. What are the themes that will be discussed at the community sessions? Vision statement should be open ended—Harwich in the future.

III. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm. Motion by Bernadette Waystack and a second by Brian Scheld.