

## **MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (MPIC)**

April 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Cheryl Tougias, Chair; Members Dick Burke, Regina Campbell-Malone, Roxanne Musto, Elaine Benson, Taber Keally, and Cheyenne Frazier, Assistant Director of Planning & Community Development.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on 5/14/25 and 06/09/25.

### **MILTON SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE DISCUSSION**

Ms. Deborah Milbauer from the Partnership for a Healthy Milton, <https://www.townofmilton.org/252/Partnership-for-a-Healthy-Milton>, a non-profit organization promoting public health in Milton, reached out to MPIC regarding intra-town shuttle bus service in town.

Ms. Milbauer, a resident and faculty member at Northeastern, previously brought forth the idea of using a Northeastern student to assist in doing outreach with other towns with these types of transportation services to gather information about how their programs work. A revised proposal with two options was discussed. The first would be an independent student study project for academic credit and the second would entail hiring a work study student with a \$1615 stipend. The student would review shuttle services in other Massachusetts towns, with respect to type of service, system size, financing and costs, etc. The proposed intern would conduct a resident survey to help identify demand. It was noted that the Milton public schools used to have a “late bus” that allowed students to have safe transportation in the later hours. It was suggested that the Council on Aging be contacted to see if there is any additional need for seniors beyond what is provided currently.

General support was expressed, but a concern was raised with the timeline given the Master Plan Implementation Committee is set to sunset in October of 2025. There was also some concern raised about expending funds, with a preference for Ms. Milbauer to pursue the academic credit option.

There was brief discussion about whether MPIC would choose to request a 6-month extension from the Selectboard. If so, the project could be extended through the Spring semester, and give a no cost option for the committee.

Ms. Frazier will follow up with Nick Milano, Town Administrator, and Amy Dexter, Director of Finance, regarding future funding for MPIC.

Chair Tougias and Ms. Frazier will follow up with Ms. Milbauer.

## **DISCUSSION OF DRAFT MPIC 10 YEAR REPORT AND SPREADSHEET UPDATE**

Chair Tougias reminded all the members of their assigned sections for the 10 year report.

Member Keally is handling historic and cultural resources and Member Campbell-Malone will be handling Open Space and Recreation and Natural Resources. Member Benson handles housing neighborhoods. Member Burke and Chair Tougias handle economic development. Member Burke handles Circulation and Transportation, Member Musto is facilities and services, Member Campbell-Malone is DEI, and Chair Tougias is Climate change, sustainability, and top 20 recommendations.

The committee may host a working session where the members can come and work on the 10 year report and bounce ideas off of each other.

Ms. Frazier will resend the shared folder to the members to edit.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.