

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (MPIC)

July 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Cheryl Toulias, Chair; Members Dick Burke, Regina Campbell-Malone, Meghan Haggerty, Elaine Bension, and Taber Keally

Cheyenne Frazier, Assistant Director of Planning & Community Development

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

The next meetings will be held on 08/04/2025 and 09/10/2025

Approval of meeting minutes: Deferred

MAPC VISIONING UPDATES FOR 7 BRUSH HILL ROAD/ ADJACENT TOWN OWNED PARCEL AND PAGODA CIRCLE

Mr. Javier Gutierrez and Ms. Sasha Parodi from MAPC attended the meeting to provide an update on the community visioning project with 7 Brush Hill Road and Pagoda Circle. Mr. Gutierrez noted that the schedule had been extended, and the final report and project closeout would be completed by the end of August.

Ms. Parodi noted that additional outreach efforts had included community visioning sessions for both 7 Brush Hill Road and Pagoda Circle and a block party at Pagoda Circle. Additionally, four individuals performed door knocking to engage residents in one-on-one conversations and a survey was conducted. Results indicate support for a community center, recreational center, and café or food facility at the 7 Brush Hill Road site. Concerns include traffic, parking and accessibility. Residents expressed a desire for preservation of the natural environment at Pagoda Circle, with improved maintenance and accessibility.

The final report will document the community engagement process, community interests expressed through the process, and recommendations for next steps.

Ms. Parodi explained the DCR Curatorship program that is the basis of the 7 Brush Hill Road parcel. Resident Kyle Johnson noted that an example that may be most like the one contemplated by the Neponset Esplanade Initiative for the site is the Speedway in Brighton, where the non-profit Architectural Heritage Foundation is the curator and there are multiple small businesses that lease space.

MILTON SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE DISCUSSION

Ms. Deborah Milbauer, a faculty member at Northeastern and a member of the Partnership for a Healthy Milton, previously brought forth the idea of using Northeastern graduate students to assist in doing outreach to other towns with these types of transportation services and to gather information about how these programs work. For this meeting, she provided an updated proposal for the scope of work and requested MPIC funding in the amount of \$2,400 to pay stipends to two Planning and Urban Studies graduate students.

Chair Tougias reported on a meeting that she and Ms. Milbauer had with Town Administrator Nick Milano about how this work may be done starting with MPIC and flowing through the Partners for a Healthy Milton and the Planning Department. The Partnership intends to form an advisory committee to assist Ms. Milbauer and the students.

<https://www.townofmilton.org/252/Partnership-for-a-Healthy-Milton> is a non-profit organization promoting public health in Milton.

Two residents that have expressed interest in the advisory committee attended the meeting. Mr. Alex Hasha, chair of the Climate Action Planning Committee, noted that to meet the state's goal of net zero gas emissions by 2050 will require reducing vehicle miles travelled per family. Ms. Lisa Courtney, Milton Health Department coordinator for Mass In Motion expressed support for this initiative.

On a motion by Ms. Campbell-Malone, seconded by Mr. Keally, funding in the amount of \$2,400 for graduate student stipends to be paid through the Partnership for a Healthy Milton was approved by a vote of 5-1-0.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT MPIC 10 YEAR REPORT AND SPREADSHEET UPDATE

Chair Tougias discussed the organizational structure of the report and asked the committee to think about whether it is the best structure, whether the length of the report is appropriate, and whether there is content missing. She asked members to think about the audience and the message the committee wants to project. That message is: progress has been made, there is more to be done, and the plan needs to be updated in selected areas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.