



Master Plan Advisory Committee – Town of Spencer

Minutes

Master Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

June 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM

In-Person & Remote

McCourt Social Hall, 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562
Memorial Town Hall

Master Plan Advisory Committee Members Present: Chair, Taylor Wentworth (in-person), Vice Chair, Jared Grigg (in-person), Clerk, Dennis Shiver (in-person), Vaughn Slack (in-person) and Carol McPherson (remote)

Master Plan Advisory Committee Members Absent: Steve Cary, Howie Letendre

Staff Present: Lauren Vivier, Town Planner/Conservation Agent (in-person), Jeffery Bridges, Town Administrator (in-person)

Staff Absent: None

CMRCP Members Present: Elena Ion (remote)

1. Call to order.

The Chair opened the meeting at 5:34 pm

2. Announcement of open meeting recording

Ms. Wentworth made an announcement of this being an open meeting and that it is recorded.

3. Discussion: Community Visioning Night

Ms. Ion stated that the Visioning Night event was a success. Fifty-three workshop participants signed in. Overall we have 317 survey responses. Ms. Ion then stepped through the quantitative responses from each station.

Visioning

- In 20 years Spencer will be (top responses):
 - Welcoming, Friendly, Vibrant, Affordable, Safe
- In 20 years, Spencer will be committed to (top responses):
 - Aging Friendly, Community, Rural Character, Affordability, Business Growth, Preservation
- In 20 years Spencer will value (top responses):
 - People, Families, Education, History, Opportunities

Housing and Land Use

Selections for the types of housing that the person would be comfortable with:

- The greatest number of positive responses were for senior housing, small scale mixed use, tiny house communities and adaptive reuse.
- The greatest number of negative responses were for large scale apartments and large scale condominiums.

Economic Development – Town Center Revitalization

The greatest number of positive responses were for a façade improvement program, startup incentives, loans for small business, and street events & art festivals.

Open Space & Recreation

The greatest number of responses were for hiking/biking, maintenance & conservation, important natural/cultural resources, a recreation center and a dog park.

Historic resources will be further analyzed and discussed in a subsequent meeting.

Town Services

Funding/prioritizing the services which received the greatest number of positive responses were education, transportation/roads and economic development.

4. Discussion: Next Steps

A final assembly of the survey responses will be done by CMRPC when the survey closes in about two weeks.

Qualitative responses will be analyzed and summarized.

A brief discussion about the next workshop ensued, projected for October.

CMRPC will set up stakeholder interviews soon.

The 2003 vision statement will be examined and a new vision statement will be developed.

5. Other Business

The next meeting date is set for July 12th at 4:00 PM.

6. Approval of the minutes from 5/15/2023

MOTION: Approval of minutes by Mr. Grigg

SECOND: Mr. Slack

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. McPherson, Mr. Grigg, Mr. Shiver, Ms. Wentworth, Mr. Slack all voted aye (vote 5-0) motion carried.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Grigg motioned to adjourn at 6:36 PM

SECONDED: Mr. Slack

**VOTE: Ms. McPherson, Mr. Grigg, Mr. Shiver, Mr. Slack, Ms. Wentworth all voted aye
(vote 5-0) motion carried.**

Submitted by (Dennis Shiver), Minutes Clerk

Reviewed by Lauren Vivier, Town Planner/Conservation Agent

Approved by the Master Plan Advisory Committee on: May 15, 2023