



Envision Duxbury Master Plan

11/15/17 Community Forum Handout – Compiled Written Feedback

FEEDBACK ON THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS:

- Very exciting!
- Great work – keep it up
- I would rather see unpaved pedestrian paths than paved sidewalks that present a visual and environmental problem
- The Duxbury Agricultural Commission and shellfish growers do not seem to be engaged in this process. They should be especially with the recent Battelle sale. Aquaculture will be the future economic driver in Duxbury
- Well done continue to inform us as to the developments as they happen
- It appears very thorough, but it does raise questions as to why some features or concerns are ranked, will there be more analysis?
- Thank you so much for all your work
- Clean and healthy Town *stopping single use plastic in our town!

WHAT IS YOUR TOP PRIORITY FOR THE MASTER PLAN?

- Save more open space
- Keep Duxbury like it is!
- Remove suggestion for three stories in business districts – Scituate Harbor is now an ugly canyon on Front Street
- Encourage the development of bike paths in order to bring greater economic development and better safer and less polluting transportation
- Preservation of open space
- Describe how the town can best use and maintain the comprehensive plan ... who owns it? How do town committees and agencies use the plan? How should/could the Town update and maintain the plan?? Should town committees and agencies be required to address the comprehensive plan as they review and permit processes ... housing, open space, historic and cultural, etc.
- To provide facts and data for town meeting proposals, to encourage more volunteers, to provide basis for zoning revisions
- No tear downs of historic resources
- Preservation of all that you are entrusted to as a planning board – excellent schools, bay and beach, historic preservation ...
- Have ICO's create environmental space for Duxbury learning about and honoring its connection to Rachel Carson's Silent Spring

FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT VISION STATEMENT:

- (couldn't read it)
- We are doing a poor job preserving our historic landscape – we are losing so much every time an old house is torn down.
- Young people can't afford Duxbury
- Very interesting to cluster historical and cultural resources with protected open space. It is a planning concept not usually considered here

- Focus is correct I wait for more specifics
- Very thorough? Presentation easily understood
- Was not able to attend but Terry was there

FEEDBACK ON PHASE 1 ELEMENTS (HOUSING, OPEN SPACE, HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES):

- Biggest frustration of people I talk to is the fact that Duxbury is losing its old housing stock to BIG TROPHY HOME. ☹ People are not putting their homes in an historic district. I think there are too many restrictions on homes in an historic district. (Might be the reason people aren't doing it.) Duxbury needs a "Harbor Plan" stretching the whole length of the waterfront and in two miles. All the homes in this district should be saved.
- I am concerned about the emphasis on sidewalks. Won't this run counter to the rural and historic character of the town? How do you make walking safe without "suburbanizing" the townscape?
- Excellent
- No 2nd story in Hall's Corner! Why would we do that?
- We need more affordable housing!
- We need more affordable housing, we need to figure out how to have a vehicle that prevents tear downs of historic homes and the building of McMansions!
- All activities important to me – great job so far, I served on Historical Commission, King Caesar House tour guide, newly committed member on Duxbury Bay magazine, thrift shop and Jordan Hospital Club Gift Shop for 15 years
- Rachel Carson's messengers be students from our schools r: pollutants in our environment! Now!

FEEDBACK ON PHASE 2 ELEMENTS (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES, SUSTAINABILITY, LAND USE AND ZONING, IMPLEMENTATION):

- Effects of climate change is critical
- No 2nd story in Hall's Corner - !!!
- Duxbury's business areas should remain small contained and similar to nearby residential areas
- Please add in plan money for metal chairs in schools trust me they will last much longer than the plastic ones
- Sidewalks – not just east of Rt 3!
- We are hopeful to be able to live in our cape forever – with support offered by the town services, senior center, etc. ... housekeeper ☺ we've hired one already when needed, we have loved it here. I also taught here in grades 2 and 5 Alden and Chandler for 31 years
- Sustainability – all venues have no plastic one use items!

OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

- Hall's Corner: Biggest complaint is that it is ugly, too much asphalt. Radius needs to be large, so enlarge the **center**. Replace the flagpole with a large tree or 3 trees on a larger roundabout.
- Valerie is doing a great and needed job!
- P.S. look at Millbrook development as a model for Hall's Corner – scale, apt.
- Excellent presentation! Thank you!
- In addition to the website more information should be in the Clipper: Ambassador names, mission statement draft, goals of each element, etc.
- 1. Mic all events 2. Handouts of PPT 3. Abbreviations 4. No in your presentation 5. Yellow dots 6. Good makes ppl feel good

- Our only child graduated from DHS in 1992, now a pediatric specialist in Dallas will inherit our home here with her husband, a cardiologist for babies, will eventually bring their private practices here. They have 4 boys under age 11 ... loving Duxbury!
- Kids that grew up here can't afford to live here
- "Green" dumpster for the beach (plastics off beach)
- Create zoning that is responsive to sea-level rise
- Save old growth trees in the community
- Have "protect our ocean" top of efforts for Duxbury/trash