



Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes for meeting on **January 9, 2023**

Member	Present	Not Present	Member	Present	Not Present
Tariq Abu-Jaber		X	Jean O'Neil	X	
Amy Bisbee	X [R]		Eric Schmitt	X	
Chris Flory	X		Steve Smith	X	
Holly Hendricks		X			
Other attendees: R = remote					

At 7:07 pm Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

1. Vote on prior minutes

Meeting Date	Comments	Motion to Accept	Motion to Accept as Amended	Second	Vote Yea - Nay
12/19/2022	Meeting minutes	O'Neil		Flory	5-0

2. Comprehensive Plan. Chair Smith relayed that he spoke to Ken Comia from PVPC regarding visioning. Further information about the DLTA grant should be available in January - February. Comia provided visioning scope and survey examples (see below), and advised Chair Smith about the possibility of a land use planning grant from the Massachusetts Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs.



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Discussion of initial draft scope for community visioning which was provided by the PVPC. The board settled on a "planning board plus" work group structure for the visioning phrase, meaning that the planning board would lead the effort. Participation from other boards and committees would be solicited in advance, for a fixed number of meetings, each with defined goals. The invitation for participation should come from the Select Board. These checkpoint meetings could be structured in advance. Schmitt to draft a memo along these lines for board discussion.

Flory moves that the board authorize Chair Smith to complete and submit DLTA application for visioning without further planning board deliberation. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Chair Smith noted that capital budget requests are due to Town Administrator Caccamo. Discussion of requesting a laptop for board use.
4. Chair Smith reviewed Select Board ARPA approvals to date.

The next meetings are planned for January 23rd, February 6th and February 21st.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Schmitt

Scoping for Community Visioning

Task 1: Ongoing Meetings with Comprehensive Plan Committee

Create the Comprehensive Plan Committee with assistance from Town Administrator, the Select Board, the Planning Board, who will recruit and orient the committee members. This committee can advise the visioning process.

Deliverables: At most six (6) meetings with the Comprehensive Plan Committee and/or the Planning Board to kick-off project, seek direction, update progress, including agendas and meeting sign-in sheets

Timeline	Month 1-11
Total Task	\$1,500

Task 2: Data Collection and Analysis to support Comprehensive Plan

Majority of work to include Census, Data, Forecasting Services and Analysis including GIS Mapping for future plan products and all map products for Comprehensive Plan. Map products and data collection to be completed in consultation with Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Deliverables: Census/ACS Housing and Demographics Data, Housing Market Data, Maps to be compiled and utilized through Task 3. It is likely that these map and data products could be included in a FUTURE comprehensive plan document.

Timeline	Month 1-4
Total Task	\$9,500

Task 3: Public involvement and community engagement

We are planning a robust process to ensure community engagement across Williamsburg. Our work will make special effort to reach our most vulnerable populations: older residents, youth, and farmers. We have programmed to offer food at each public gathering to promote attendance and to create a welcoming and inclusive setting for community members.

Subtask 3.1: Conduct survey to obtain specific input

Surveys will be used to ensure engagement and input to the planning process by key constituents of the Town population. A town-wide survey will also be tailored for residents. Tools from the Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative will be integral to engaging with older residents around the domains of an age and dementia friendly community and principles of access, equity, and inclusion. This exploration will also include identifying particular climate change vulnerabilities and needs. This task will lay the groundwork for preparing and working on a comprehensive plan and its elements.



SOUTHWICK 2040 CREATING OUR FUTURE

Dear Southwick Survey Respondent,

The world is changing and it is going to affect Southwick and its residents. How can you help your community prepare for the future? The Southwick Planning Board is developing a Master Plan to guide our growth and development over the next 20+ years. We are eager to hear your opinions. This community survey has been prepared to assist the Master Plan Advisory Committee to develop a long-range plan based, in great part, on your input. Your honest participation in this survey is critical to the successful development of this Master Plan.

Complete this community survey by August 31, 2022. Completed surveys can be delivered to the Town Hall drop box located at the entrance of the parking area or brought into the Planning Office or Town Clerk's Office. You may also mail to: Southwick Planning Board, 454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077.

Thank you very much for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

Please visit the Southwick Master Plan website at Southwick2040.com and our Facebook page at [Southwick 2040 - Master Plan](https://www.facebook.com/Southwick2040-MasterPlan).

If you have any additional questions about the survey or need language translation assistance, please reach out to Jon Goddard, Town Planner, at jgoddard@southwickma.net or 413-569-6056.

Demographics and Values

1) I am responding to this survey as a... in Southwick, MA (check all that apply)

☐ Homeowner/property owner ☐ Renter ☐ Household member
☐ Business owner/manager of business ☐ None of the above

2) *Required: Southwick Address (Home/Business) _____

3) What is your age? ☐ under 19 ☐ 50-59
 ☐ 20-29 ☐ 60-69
 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 70-79
 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 80+

4) Which of the following categories best describes your employment status? (Select all that apply)

☐ Employed full-time ☐ Employed part-time
☐ Not employed, looking for work ☐ Not employed, NOT looking for work
☐ Parent and/or homemaker ☐ Retired
☐ Student ☐ Volunteer
☐ Other (Tell us more): _____

If you are currently employed, what percentage of your working time do you spend working from home?

☐ 0-25% ☐ 25-50% ☐ 50-75% ☐ 75-100%

5) Which best describes your household? (Select all that apply)

☐ Single occupant ☐ Household shared among unrelated residents
☐ Couple ☐ Multigenerational (generations living together)
☐ Parent(s) with minor child(ren)
☐ Parent(s) with adult child(ren) at home

6) What is the primary language spoken in your household? _____

7) How many years have you been a resident of Southwick? _____ 0-5 _____ 31-40
 _____ 6-10 _____ 41-50
 _____ 11-20 _____ 51+
 _____ 21-30 _____ I don't live in Southwick

Land Use

8) Over the next 20 years, the town should encourage, discourage, or make no change (Please check the answer you agree with):

	Encourage	Discourage	No Change
Rural character and feeling of Southwick			
Residential development within Southwick			
Business development within Southwick			
Industrial development within Southwick			
Housing for all ages and income levels			
Housing that is NOT only single-family detached homes			
Historical character of Southwick			
Lowering our carbon footprint within Southwick (commercial, public, and residential)			
Other – Write in			

9) Over the next 20 years, which type of development should be encouraged? Please check all that apply and fill in with the types of development you would prefer in Southwick that supports future trends. A future trends report can be found at www.Southwick2040.com.

Some examples of various development include:

Business - ranging from retail and hospitality to robotics and high-tech

Industrial - ranging from manufacturing to processing to robotics

Office - ranging from professional and medical offices to shared office and business start-up spaces

Agricultural - ranging from sustainable farming and year-round greenhouses to agritourism and cannabis

_____ Residential: _____
 _____ Business: _____
 _____ Industrial: _____
 _____ Office: _____
 _____ Agricultural: _____
 _____ Other: _____
 _____ None: _____

10) Do you oppose or support these land use strategies to address future growth over the next 20 years? Please check the answer you agree with.

	Oppose	Support	No Opinion
Update boundaries of existing zoning districts that currently designate residential, business, and industrial uses for development			
Identify areas appropriate for mixed-use development, where housing and business development could be found on the same structure or land parcel			
Expand land zoned for business use and for light industrial use			
Adopt additional zoning for higher density residential development			

	Oppose	Support	No opinion
Balance development to the town's water supply			
Adopt additional zoning to protect agricultural lands			
Educate landowners about options for permanently protecting their own land			
Acquire public lands for recreation			
Acquire public lands for wildlife preservation			
Acquire open space for passive and active recreation			
Acquire open space to create and restore wildlife habitats			
Other – Write in			

Some communities have adopted maximum size (square footage) regulations for buildings in their industrial and business zones in order to minimize the impact of parking lots, traffic flow and stormwater runoff.

- 11) Would you be in favor of limiting the maximum square footage for new buildings? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12) Would you be in favor of adopting a maximum expansion size for existing buildings? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Housing

- 13) I live in: ☐ An efficiency/studio ☐ A detached single family house ☐ An apartment
☐ A condo/townhouse ☐ A single room occupancy (SRO)
- 14) Do you believe there are sufficient housing options for you and your family in Southwick? Please provide any additional comments if you wish. ☐ Yes ☐ No _____
- 15) If you were to move to another living situation in Southwick within the next 20 years, what type of housing do you anticipate would meet your future needs? (Choose all that apply)
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renting a house | <input type="checkbox"/> Living in a tiny home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renting an apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> Living in an assisted living/senior facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owning a house | <input type="checkbox"/> Living in a 55+ independent community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owning a condo or cooperative unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving in with family/relative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owning or renting a unit in a duplex or townhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't anticipate requiring a different housing situation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owning or renting a dwelling with everything on one floor | <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested in remaining in town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Write In: _____ | |
- 16) Please rank what the priorities should be in ensuring housing for all, using all numbers 1 through 9 only once, with number 1 being most important and 9 being least important.
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help build cooperative relationships between developers and government | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower taxes for owners, potential buyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve regulations and zoning bylaws | <input type="checkbox"/> Offer incentives, like tax breaks, to new housing developers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educate the public on housing issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Build new public-owned housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buy existing buildings for public-owned housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Let market forces decide |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing to support all socioeconomic levels |

Definition of Affordable Housing: Affordable housing is defined by the federal government as federally subsidized housing units that are affordable to households who earn less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). In 2022, the amount listed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is \$53,850 for a two-person household and \$67,300 for a four-person household. Massachusetts sets a 10% affordable units goal for each town; as of December 2020, Southwick had 3.4% designated affordable housing units.

- 17) Over the next 20 years, I would oppose, be neutral towards, or support the town providing affordable and accessible housing options through development of:

	Oppose	Neutral	Support
Detached single-family home in compact neighborhoods with smaller yards (approx 1/4 acre), adjacent open space			
Duplexes and three-family homes			
Townhouses, condos			
Accessory (in-law) apartments			
Conversion of single-family to multifamily housing units			
Tiny homes			
Apartment buildings			
Housing meeting Americans with Disabilities Act compliance			
Financing options for rehabilitation of limited income homes			
Other – Write In			

- 18) Over the next 20 years, where would you like to see new housing built? Select all that apply.

- ☐ New subdivisions that require new roads
 ☐ As part of mixed-use commercial/residential development
☐ Along existing roads with little existing development
 ☐ Minimal residential development
☐ In areas of concentrated development
☐ Other (please specify): _____

Mobility

- 19) In your opinion, how important are the following transportation-related items over the next 20 years?

	Not Important At All	Not Very Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Bike lanes on roads					
Maintenance for existing roads and sidewalks					
Road signage					
Mid-block crosswalks along major roads					
Public parking					
Public transportation options (bus, taxi, ride-sharing)					
Streetscapes (street trees, landscaping, street furnishings) in business areas					
Public access to electronic vehicle charging stations					
Parking availability at rail trail and other accessible open spaces					
Other – Write In					

- 20) List streets and/or parts of town where sidewalks and additional parking capacity should be installed or extended over the next 20 years.

Infrastructure and Services

21) Rate your satisfaction level for each of the following services that are currently provided by the Town of Southwick.

	Extremely Unsatisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied	Do Not Use
Police						
Fire						
Ambulance/EMT						
Roadway maintenance						
Plowing						
Water systems						
Sewer system						
Transfer station/dump						
Senior services						
Board of Health services						
Other – Write in						

22) **OPTIONAL:** Why did you answer the way you did for the question above?

23) How important are the following potential services and amenities that could be provided by the Town of Southwick over the next 20 years?

	Not Important At All	Not Very Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Community center with meeting space					
Additional community health services					
More emergency services					
Additional senior services					
Municipal trash pick-up service					
Wireless/fiber infrastructure					
Alternative energy sources					
Workforce training and continuing education					
Other – Write In					

24) Do you use public drinking water?

____ Yes ____ No

If you answered yes to Question #24, is the quality of the town public drinking water acceptable?

____ Yes ____ No

If you answered no to Question #24, would you use public drinking water if it was available to your home?

____ Yes ____ No

25) Are you connected to the town sewer system? _____ Yes _____ No

If you answered no to Question #25, are you interested in sewer expansion coming to your street? _____ Yes _____ No

26) As Southwick evolves over the next 20 years and if the population increases, there is the potential to change the structure of government. Which form of government would you support? Choose one.

- _____ No change - Open Town Meeting - Town structure with all registered voters casting ballots at an annual town meeting, a selectboard, various other boards/committees, and an appointed town administrator
- _____ Representative Town Meeting - Town structure with limited number of voters are elected to present all voters in a representative town meeting, a select board, various other boards/committees, and an appointed town administrator/manager
- _____ Town Council / Town Manager - Voters elect Council and the Council appoints a Town Manager, various other boards/committees.
- _____ Mayor / Council - Voters elect mayor and Council

27) What is your perception of Southwick Public Schools? _____

28) Where does your child/do your children attend school? Select all that apply.

- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| _____ I do not have children / my children are not school-aged | _____ Homeschool |
| _____ Public school in town | _____ Charter school |
| _____ Public school choice out of town | _____ Religious private school |
| | _____ Non-secular private school |

If you have school-aged children that do not attend a Southwick Public School, please tell us why.

Natural, Historical, and Cultural Resources

29) List three recreational activities that you would like to see in Southwick over the next 20 years.

Option 1: _____
Option 2: _____
Option 3: _____

30) List three entertainment or cultural activities that you would like to see in Southwick over the next 20 years.

Option 1: _____
Option 2: _____
Option 3: _____

31) Please check all of the following activities that you enjoy (in Southwick or elsewhere):

	Participate Regularly in Southwick	Participate Elsewhere
Walking (on roads)		
Hiking (on trails)		
Bird/nature watching		
Road biking		
Mountain biking		
Horseback riding		
Dog walking		
Hunting		
Fishing/ice fishing		
Motorized boating		
Non-motorized boating		
Swimming		
Court sports		
Playing team sports		
Snowshoeing		
Cross-country skiing		
Snowmobiling		
Ice skating		
Off-road, all-terrain vehicle recreation		
Skateboarding		
Other - Write In		

32) To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No opinion
The Town of Southwick has been successful in improving the water quality of Congamond Lake						
The Town of Southwick has been successful in controlling invasive weeds in Congamond Lake						
Measures, such as dredging, should be taken to improve the water quality and water flow around Congamond Lake						
Congamond Lake is overcrowded with watercraft						

33) Over the next 20 years, what do you believe are the TOP 3 issues facing the Town of Southwick relative to Congamond Lake?

Option 1: _____

Option 2: _____

Option 3: _____

34) Please provide your email address if you'd like to learn more about the Master Plan process and be informed of any upcoming meeting dates and participate in community workshops.

**Your email address will only be used by the advisory committee during the master planning process; however, it is part of the public record and could be disclosed in response to a freedom of information request.*

35) Thank you for participating in the Southwick Master Plan Community Engagement Survey! Please provide any additional comments that you would like to share with the Master Plan Advisory Committee.

Thank you for taking our survey. Your response is very important to us.

For more information about the Southwick Master Plan Advisory Committee or Planning Board, please contact Jon Goddard, Town Planner at jgoddard@southwickma.net or visit our website at www.Southwick2040.com.

BLANDFORD COMMUNITY SURVEY
TAKE SURVEY ONLINE AT <https://tinyurl.com/blandfordsurvey>



The Blandford Resilient Master Plan Committee is developing a Resilient Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan to guide future actions of the Planning Board, Boards and Committees, Town officials and citizens through a clear plan reflective of Blandford values.

What is a Master Plan?

- Provides detailed information about land use, housing, natural resources, open space, economic development, and other important topics.
- Summarizes the vision and goals for future development expressed by residents during the master planning process.
- Clearly states the Town's priorities and strategies for moving forward to achieve those goals, integrating other town-adopted documents and initiatives.

This survey has been prepared to assist the Resilient Master Plan Committee in developing this long-range plan based, in part, on input received from Blandford citizens. We encourage you to focus on town qualities that you value, and consider how our community can or will change over the next 10 years. *Your participation in this survey is critical to the successful development of this Master Plan.*

Additional copies can be downloaded and printed from our website at www.townofblandford.com or at the project website blandfordmasterplan.pvpc.org. You can also call the Town offices to request a printed version during regular office hours. Completed surveys can be mailed to the Town Hall at 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, MA 01008, or delivered to a designated drop box located outside the Town Hall entrance facing the parking lot.

This survey should take you about 10 minutes to complete. Please complete and return by **February 15, 2021**.



JOIN US AT THE VIRTUAL TOWN MASTER PLAN VISIONING SESSION THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021 – 6:00-8:00 PM
<https://bit.ly/39pbffc>

1. Please choose the **TOP THREE** reasons why you live in Blandford. (Additional items can be added under "Other")

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open space | <input type="checkbox"/> Good place to retire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Community life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small-town atmosphere | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low crime rate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good place to raise children | |

2. Please choose the **TOP FIVE** land uses you view as important. (Additional items can be added under "Other")

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Water quality and resources (e.g., rivers and ponds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional services (e.g., attorney, financial advisor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest and wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small retail stores | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groceries | <input type="checkbox"/> Open space for scenic value |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home-based manufacturing and crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaces for recreational use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive shops | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality (e.g., restaurants, B&Bs) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working farms/farm stands | |

3. Please check **ALL** that you agree with. (Additional items can be added under "Other"). **If development occurs in Blandford, I would like to see:**

- ☐ Housing located along roadways with minimum requirements for front yard and lot sizes
- ☐ Houses that are clustered closely together, with larger areas of land and longer stretches of open space between
- ☐ Stores and businesses spread across town.
- ☐ Stores and businesses clustered in commercial areas.
- ☐ Stores and businesses in residential mixed-use village centers.
- ☐ Some apartments or multifamily buildings within walking distance of the Town center i.e., in [Goshen](#) by the Hilltown CDC
- ☐ Other: _____

4. The Town should prioritize energy efficiency, reducing emissions, and responding to the impacts of climate change.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

5. Are you satisfied with the level of services provided by the Town for the following:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police | <input type="checkbox"/> Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plowing, Road Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water System | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer System | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning | |

(If no, please describe): _____

6. What would you like to see most in Blandford over the next decade? Please briefly explain:

7. Are you a resident of Blandford? ☐ Year-round ☐ Seasonal ☐ No
If yes, how many years have you been a resident? ☐ 0-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 11-20 ☐ 21-30 ☐ 31-40 ☐ 41-50 ☐ 51+

8. What is your sex: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Intersex ☐ Prefer not to Answer

9. Are you retired? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Partially
If not, do you work in the area? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Do you work from home? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, did you work from home pre-COVID-19? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Please indicate whether you are a: ☐ Homeowner ☐ Renter ☐ Household Member

12. Which best describes your household?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent(s) with adult child(ren) at home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple | <input type="checkbox"/> Household shared among unrelated resident(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent(s) with school-aged child(ren) | <input type="checkbox"/> Multigenerational (generations living together) |

13. I live in:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A studio/efficiency single-room unit | <input type="checkbox"/> House/Apartment 3+BR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One-bedroom House/Apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> Condo/Townhome |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two-BR House/Apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessory (In-law) Apartment |

14. How important is it for you to be able to live independently in your own home as you age?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely important | <input type="checkbox"/> Not very important |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very important | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all important |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

15. Please indicate whether you are satisfied with your present housing: ☐ I am satisfied ☐ I am not satisfied.
Please explain: _____

16. I would like to see the Town promote the following housing types: (Choose all that apply).

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Apartments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duplex homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of single family to multifamily units |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Townhouses | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing that is accessible for people with disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessory ("in-law") Apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior housing (independent or assisted living) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condominiums | |

17. Do you believe there are sufficient housing options in Blandford? ☐ Yes ☐ No

18. Do you believe there is enough housing for Blandford seniors of varying incomes and abilities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

19. Would you support planned affordable housing?

☐ Strongly Support

☐ Indifferent

☐ Strongly Opposed

☐ Support

☐ Oppose

20. Where would you like to see new housing built?

☐ New subdivisions that require new roads

☐ As part of mixed-use commercial/residential development

☐ Along existing roads with little existing development

☐ Other (please specify): _____

☐ In areas of concentrated development

21. Would you support a 1-3% surcharge on your property tax (partially matched by state funds) in support of the Community Preservation Act to preserve open space & farmland, create and support affordable housing, and preserve historic buildings and landscapes ☐ Yes ☐ No

22. With regard to the town center of Blandford, do you: ☐ Like it as it is ☐ Want to see more commercial/civic/residential uses

23. What type of strategies should the town adopt to address future growth? Please check the answer you agree with.

	Support	Indifferent	Oppose
Update zoning to designate residential, commercial, and industrial districts for development.			
Identify areas appropriate for mixed-use development.			
Adopt zoning to protect agricultural lands.			
Adopt clustered homes development zoning bylaw.			
Adopt zoning for high density residential development.			
Revisit design standards for non-residential development			
Increase mobility options for non-motorized vehicles i.e., bike lanes.			
Limit development to the capacity of the town's water supply			
Continue to educate landowners about options for permanently protecting land and preserve Blandford's open spaces in perpetuity.			
Create new active recreational resources such as horseback riding trails, etc.			

24. Should the town encourage new commercial development? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, where? _____

25. Should the town encourage new industrial development? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, where? _____

26. Does the existing variety of shopping, recreation, and entertainment available meet your needs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

27. What would you like to see in the Town of Blandford? (Choose all that apply)

☐ Restaurants

☐ Musical Events

☐ Art in Public Spaces

☐ Visual Arts Events

☐ Museums

☐ Neighborhood Stores/Boutiques

☐ Dance/Performing Arts Events

☐ None

☐ Recreation

☐ Other (please specify): _____

28. Choose the statement that most closely reflects how you feel about the protection of open space in Blandford.

☐ There is too much protected open space.

☐ The amount of open space currently protected is just right.

☐ There is not enough protected open space.

29. Please check all of the following activities that you enjoy (in Blandford or elsewhere):

	Participate regularly in Blandford	Adequate space in town	Participate elsewhere
Walking (on roads)			
Hiking (on trails)			
Bird/nature watching			
Road biking			
Mountain biking			
Horseback riding			
Dog walking			
Hunting			
Fishing/ice fishing			
Motorized boating			
Non-motorized boating			
Swimming			
Playing team sports			
Snowshoeing			
Cross-country skiing			
Motorized boating			
Snowmobiling			
Ice skating			

30. Do you enjoy other open space and recreational activities in Blandford that aren't listed above? Please explain.

31. Please check all of the following in Blandford that are important to you:

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Don't know
Protecting farmland				
Protecting forests/wildlife habitats				
Protecting water quality				
Maintaining/expanding trails				
Preserving Blandford's rural character				
Preserving scenic vistas				
Preserving dirt roads				
Preserving stone walls				
Maintaining/ Improving recreational facilities				
Other:				

32. Anything else to tell us about natural areas, land conservation, open space, or recreation needs in Blandford?

33. Please provide your email if you'd like to learn more about the Master Plan. _____

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY!



THE TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON
Southampton Master Plan Committee
210 College Highway, Suite 7
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(413) 529-0106

June 26, 2020

Dear Southampton Resident,

A survey of town residents conducted for the 2013 Master Plan led to important changes, including the adoption of several new bylaws. Now the revived Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC), with direction from the Select Board and the Planning Board, seeks your input to guide community development over the next decade. Your responses to this updated survey will determine the Town's priorities in adhering to the Master Plan and advance its implementation. Please ask each member of your household to complete this updated Community Engagement Survey, electronically or in hard copy, by August 31, 2020. Hard copies can be mailed to the above address or delivered to a designated box outside the Town Hall.

1. **How many years have you been a resident of Southampton?**
☐ 0-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 11-20 ☐ 21-30 ☐ 31-40 ☐ 41-50 ☐ 51+
2. **I am a:** ☐ a homeowner ☐ or renter ☐ or household member
3. **What is your gender identity? (Choose one)**
☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Transgender Female ☐ Transgender Male
☐ Non-Binary ☐ Not Listed ☐ Prefer not to Answer
4. **What is your age?** ☐ under 19; ☐ 20-29; ☐ 30-39; ☐ 40-49; ☐ 50-59; ☐ 60-69; ☐ 70-79; ☐ 80+
5. **Which best describes your household? (Check all that apply)**
☐ Single occupant ☐ Couple
☐ Parent(s) with school-aged child(ren) ☐ Parent(s) with adult child(ren) at home
☐ Owner-occupied with room(s) rented out ☐ Household shared among unrelated residents
☐ Multigenerational (generations living together)
6. **What model represents how you believe Southampton should grow by 2040? (Choose one)**
☐ A rural residential community, with minimal commercial development, much like it is today.
☐ A bedroom community with dispersed small-scale commercial development along main roads.
☐ A community with a mixed-use town center and various housing options and commerce in other selected areas.
☐ A community of diverse housing options, that balances commercial and residential growth with agriculture and open space.

If none of the above, describe your vision: _____
7. **Recognizing that Southampton has one tax rate for residential, commercial, and industrial properties, how important is it to encourage new commercial development in town? (Choose one)**
☐ very important ☐ somewhat important ☐ not important

HOUSING

8. Do you live in: _____ an efficiency/studio _____ detached single family house _____ an apartment
_____ a condo/townhouse _____ an accessory apartment _____ single room occupancy

9. Based on your income level, are there sufficient housing options for you and your family in Southampton?

_____ Yes _____ No Please provide additional comments if you wish. _____

10. Please indicate whether you are satisfied with your present housing:

_____ I am satisfied with my present housing

_____ I am not satisfied with my present housing because: (Choose all that apply)

_____ It is too large _____ It is too small _____ It is too expensive to manage _____ I feel isolated

_____ There is no easy access to stores and services _____ My physical condition makes it difficult

_____ OR other reasons: (please describe) _____

11. If you were to move to another living situation within Southampton someday, what type of housing do you anticipate would meet your future needs? (Choose all that apply)

_____ Renting a house _____ Renting an apartment _____ Owning a house

_____ Owning a condo or cooperative unit _____ Owning or renting a unit in a duplex or town house

_____ Owning or renting a dwelling with everything on one floor _____ Living in an assisted living/senior facility

_____ Living in a 55+ independent community _____ I don't anticipate requiring a different housing situation

_____ Not interested in remaining in town _____ Other _____

Definition of Affordable Housing: Affordable housing is defined by the federal government as federally subsidized housing units that are affordable to households who earn up to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). In 2020, the amount listed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is \$54,650 for a two-person household and \$68,300 for a four-person household. Massachusetts sets a 10% affordable units goal for each town; as of December 2019, Southampton had 1.9% designated affordable housing units.

12. On a scale of 1-5, you would say: I would like to see the town provide affordable and accessible housing options by promoting development of:

	1 Strongly Oppose	2	3 Neutral	4	5 Strongly Support
Detached single-family homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Duplex homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Townhouses, condos	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessory apartments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conversion of single-family to multifamily housing units	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tiny homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Apartment buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing meeting Americans with Disability Act compliance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. On a scale of 1-5, I would like to see the town pursue grants or other financing options for rehabilitation of limited income homes

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

MOBILITY

14. Does anyone in your household need public transport with a disabled access van? ____ yes ____ no

15. If public transit were brought to Southamptton, check all you would be interested in using.

- ____ Rte. 10 from Westfield line-Easthampton Center, with connection to Northampton
____ Town Center to Easthampton with connection to Northampton
____ Town Center to Holyoke, Holyoke Community College and Holyoke Mall
____ I don't expect to ever use public transportation

16. Rank the importance from 1-6, with 1 being the highest priority, if money became available to extend the town's sidewalk system. Please assign a value to each response below with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6, using each number once.

- ____ Extend sidewalks on College Highway between Cumberland Farms and Veterans Memorial bridge (near Sheldon's)
____ Extend sidewalk to Labrie Field along Strong Road
____ Install sidewalks on all subdivision cul de sacs that do not now have them
____ Install sidewalks on main feeder roads
____ Install or improve sidewalks in my neighborhood: (indicate area) _____
____ Other locations? _____

INFRASTRUCTURE

17. On the scale of 1-5 below, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies:

	1 Strongly Oppose	2	3 Neutral	4	5 Strongly Support
a) Develop a public utility to improve internet/broadband service that would generate revenue for the town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Pursue renewable energy generation (e.g. solar on town-owned land)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Buy land to build a public safety complex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Invest in public sewer/water provision in commercial areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Purchase land to preserve open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Build or re-purpose existing municipal building for a multi-use meeting and community center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Acquire land and complete the bike path from Sheldon's to the Easthampton line	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) Develop bicycle paths and greenways that link open spaces, neighborhoods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. If any of the above required a bond issue and an increase in property tax, what would be your top five priorities?
(list the letter of the above strategy) _____

LAND USE

Southampton currently has nearly 6,150 residents and continues to grow.
The population increased by 6.75% between 2010 and 2018.

19. On the scale of 1-5 below, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:

	1 Strongly Oppose	2	3 Neutral	4	5 Strongly Support
Make no changes in current zoning bylaws	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage "cluster development" requiring homes in sensitive natural resource areas to be built closer together so that the remaining land can be protected as open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allow higher density housing types (e.g. homes on smaller lots, duplexes, town homes) in selected locations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Require lower density housing in selected locations to preserve rural character (e.g. minimum lot size in the Rural Residential zoning area increases from 1.4 acres)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Zone some areas for agricultural and very low density uses only (e.g. 5 or more acres minimum lot size)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limit development to the capacity of our town's water supply	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Focus commercial development at major intersections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish design standards for a walkable, mixed-use (residential and commercial) district	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage commercial development by expanding land zoned for commercial use and for light industrial use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish more restrictive sign guidelines (e.g. implementing greater restrictions on size and lighting)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continue to educate landowners about options for permanently protecting land and preserve in perpetuity, a select group of Southampton's open spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create new active recreational resources such as snowmobile, ATV and horseback riding trails, places for hunting and fishing, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. OPTIONAL: I live on (what road, street, circle, drive...?) _____

Thank you for participating in this survey!