

Town Clerk

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Thursday, March 28, 6:00

Present: Jesse Noone, Zarina Castro, Martha Bissell, Suzanna Jones, Randolph Wilson, Robin Cook Hubner, Roger Fox, Alison Gulka.

Jesse Noone gave a general presentation on the town plan.

Why have a Town Plan?

Timeline

Survey Results

Progress and Themes

There was an enthusiastic discussion following the presentation.

Themes of feedback:

There is a desire for the Town Plan to unify the community. The Select Board will support this.

Community center must be connected with a municipal building. New Town Office could have tax credits. Jesse is meeting with someone soon about this.

There is desire for an explicit statement about environmental consciousness.

There was a suggestion that we not use the term 'climate' resiliency. Attendees suggested environmental resiliency or sustainability, ecological resiliency.

Select Board would like us to 'put teeth' to the feedback we received on industrial scale development regarding towers in particular.

Planning commission made a plea to attendees that we want input from residents of Walden.

There was desire for another informational meeting once there is a draft, or document to work from.

There is appetite in Walden for both community engagement and privacy.

It was suggested that we have a statement about protecting pollinators.