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Planning a Way Forward



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Introduction

In the fall of 2015, the Town of Stockbridge appointed a Visioning Committee to guide the process of creating a vision for what the Town wanted to become over the next twenty years. The committee worked together in creating a process for community participation through a series of town-wide meetings that provided opportunities for people to share ideas, hopes and concerns about future directions for the Town.

To assist the committee in the Visioning Project, the town hired planning consultants Connie Kruger and Jennifer Goldson. This report brings together the work of the committee and the outcomes of the two Community Meetings and produces a number of Vision Statements on the key topics and issues facing the town as it plans for its future.



Children's Tower

A visioning process is premised on the belief that people with clear and unified goals can act together to channel changes in their community in ways that meet the common good.

About Community Visioning

Visioning is helpful for a community embarking on a planning process. It is often the precursor, or first phase, of a comprehensive or master planning process. Since Stockbridge's Master Plan was completed in 1996, this twenty-year point seemed a particularly appropriate time to take stock of what the community had accomplished since 1996 and to evaluate what had or had not changed since then.

Developing a community vision is about finding common ground for planning for the future. Not everyone will ever agree on all the goals and projects for a town and some issues may remain controversial and often polarizing. In the process of creating a common vision, it is important to search for areas where there is general agreement about shared values and goals. Vision statements tend to be general and do not provide the specific steps needed for implementation; that is left to a Master Planning or Strategic Planning process, which often follows after the visioning is completed. Visioning addresses the "where do we want to go" more than the "how are we going to get there" aspect of community planning.

Findings from the Visioning Process

It is clear that Stockbridge has a strong community identity, rooted in a history of tolerance and a deeply held appreciation for its people, special places, and outstanding architectural and cultural institutions. This was further demonstrated by the amount of participation and public engagement in the community visioning sessions.

The challenge for Stockbridge is how to protect and preserve what is essential to the character, sense of place and well-being of the community, while understanding how changes both within and without the town need to be recognized and planned for in order to maintain what is cherished while embracing new directions aimed at enhancing community resiliency and prosperity.



Old Fire Station

Themes and Issues

A number of common concerns were identified during the Stockbridge Visioning Project. Some of these were pointed out during discussions with the Visioning Committee and later reinforced and confirmed at the well-attended community meetings.

- Community members voiced strong support for the cultural institutions in town as well as historic buildings and scenic places. These all contribute to what makes Stockbridge a wonderful place to live and to visit.
- Open space, recreation sites, trails for hiking and walking were also named for continued maintenance and protection. Looking forward, people wanted more activities for people of all ages, more venues for those activities and a range of activities and services for year-round residents.
- The downtown was called out as especially important for sustaining community life and should be preserved but many expressed a need for additional shops and services. Traffic and parking in the downtown area, particularly during tourist season, were strongly recognized as an area for future attention and improvement although specific solutions are yet to be determined.
- There were many suggestions for the creation of additional business and employment opportunities. Some of this was directed at attracting and retaining families and young professionals. It was also recognized that high-speed Internet connectivity is critical for the continued economic well-being of the community.
- Housing was the topic that yielded the most mixed responses as people were challenged to find models for increasing housing for seniors and families while integrating that housing into the design and character of the town. Housing growth is a complicated issue facing most communities, and approaches and strategies will need more focused planning than the Visioning Project can provide. It should be noted that many ideas for future housing development and types were generated in the community meetings and some of these ideas created positive excitement for what might be possible.



Stockbridge Coffee and Tea

- Transportation options and connections were also a key area of concern. Rail transportation was a future hope. Adding ride share service, taxis and other means of connecting residents to the neighboring towns and visitors to the cultural venues were widely discussed. Also, ways to increase biking and walking as viable alternatives to automobile use, particularly in and around downtown, were frequently mentioned by participants.

The Vision for 2036

The following vision statements were created as outcomes of this project and represent a generally shared vision for Stockbridge's future.

Local Economy and Downtown

- In 2036, our local economy is a mixture of our traditional mainstay of tourism, a vibrant cultural and creative economy, as well as green and technology based businesses, active food production from local farmers, and agri-tourism.
- Downtown Stockbridge remains the center of community life as the location of major services and community gathering places including the Town Offices, Post Office, Museum and Archives, Library, restaurants, and shops. The Town maintains a healthy balance between the need to nourish Stockbridge's tourist-based economy with the need to sustain an authentic and functioning downtown that enriches the quality of life for residents, the local labor force, and visitors alike. Our downtown cultural district helps local businesses, arts, humanities, and other organizations improve the quality and range of opportunities to keep downtown memorable and vibrant.

Transportation and Circulation

- In 2036, people can move safely and efficiently throughout town by using various modes of transportation, both motorized and non-motorized. Stockbridge residents and visitors are less automobile-reliant than in decades past with expanded pedestrian networks, bicycle infrastructure, expanded regional bus services, and regional ride-sharing services.
- Community activities are clustered in and near downtown, providing safe, accessible, and comfortable options for walking and biking throughout town. The cultural institutions collaboratively manage a coordinated visitor transportation system between major tourist destinations.
- People can also move safely and efficiently between towns, and regionally, with new rail transit through Berkshire County and rail connections to Albany, Boston, Montreal, and New York City.

Historic and Cultural Resources

- In 2036, Stockbridge continues to showcase its exceptional cultural and historic assets as a destination of choice for visitors. The array of entertainment and cultural attractions expands to offer an inter-generational appeal. The community provides strong stewardship to ensure the town's history and legacy are passed on to future generations.

Housing

- In 2036, Stockbridge has a socially and economically diverse population and is attracting residents across a range of ages and incomes by providing diverse housing options to promote a vibrant, healthy, and intergenerational community and is supporting older adults choosing to remain in the community as they age.
- Stockbridge has a range housing options from apartments and condominiums to co-housing and smaller single-family homes to historic "Berkshire Cottages." Together, these housing types meet the needs of residents of all ages and economic means.
- Housing options include a mix of sustainable new construction and repurposed existing buildings, including the preservation of older homes. New homes complement the design and fabric of our community and are located to encourage walking or biking, minimize automobile dependency, protect natural and cultural resources, and increase the number of residents living in proximity to the town center, including in mixed-use buildings with apartments over shops, to support downtown businesses.



Historic Downtown Architecture

Open Space, Natural Resources and Recreation

- In 2036, Stockbridge has clean, well-maintained public open space and recreation areas, clean air and water for drinking and recreation, and local farms. Natural resources, trails, and conservation areas are available for public use and a continuing legacy of responsible stewardship will guarantee their existence for future generations.
- New and existing recreation sites reflect the needs of a diverse population and encourage an active and healthy lifestyle for people of all ages and abilities. The town's unique natural areas and open spaces are identified and protected through a combination of support of land owners, public acquisition, stewardship, and creative site planning.
- The town supports the maintenance of tree canopies and landscaped areas enhance the neighborhood settings.

Government and Services

- In 2036, caring leaders who encourage volunteer participation lead the town. All people involved in town government support professional standards and adopt appropriate, innovative, and creative policies and technologies to maintain the community's heritage and support the vision of the town. Stockbridge has an active civic life that bonds and links neighbors and neighborhoods into a cohesive community of caring involved citizens.



Post Office

Developing the Vision

Committee Meetings

The Stockbridge Visioning Committee included the three Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and members representing a range of interests and affiliations in Stockbridge. The Committee met six times. Committee members were very active in planning for the two community-wide meetings and served as facilitators in the group exercises during both of those meetings. This was a very hands-on group and they were central in helping shape the visioning process.



The Visioning Committee presenting outcomes from group discussions during Community Meeting #1



Discussion Groups Community Meeting #1

Community Meetings

Participation

There was extensive outreach to publicize the community meetings to as broad an audience as possible. It was acknowledged by the committee that young residents and second homeowners would be the most challenging to reach. Overall attendance was impressive but representation from these two groups was less than had been hoped for. A news release and a flyer were prepared for each community meeting and

these were posted and electronically distributed. The town's web site helped promote these events. The regional newspaper, the Berkshire Eagle did an article about the project and social media were used as another vehicle to reach people—see Appendix (separate document). Notices were sent to all town boards and committees encouraging their members to attend. An electronic pre-registration system was used to sign-up in advance of the meeting. Childcare was offered for the sessions but no one used this service. Light refreshments were provided by the town. The result was about 85 people attended the first community meeting January 28, 2016 and about 75 attended the second on March 7, 2016.

The First Community Meeting

The first community meeting held on January 28 included a look back at where the town has been and what has changed. Committee members had reviewed the previous 1996 Master Plan prepared by LA Group from Saratoga Springs, NY and a short recap of that planning document and the key information that had changed was summarized at the workshop. The consultants presented updated data about the changing Stockbridge demographics, some of which are included on the following pages.

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE 1996?	
<u>Accomplishments:</u>	<u>Unanticipated Changes:</u>
Constructed Water Treatment Plant	Population Decrease
Police and Town Offices Facility	Reduction in Young Families
Community Preservation Act	Increase in Seniors
Scenic Mountain Act	Increase in Second Homes
Green Community	
Stretch Code	

Data Discussion

Population predictions in the Master Plan projected Stockbridge's population to increase when in fact the population, particularly for the cohort group between the

ages of 20-29, decreased. This trend was not unique to Stockbridge and matched trends across Berkshire County; however, the decreases were more pronounced for Stockbridge than other communities in the region. The committee identified this changing demographic as important to underscore at the community meeting and discussions about the need to retain and attract young families and Millennials was a significant topic in both community meetings.

Of particular note was the shift over the past twenty years in the number of households with children, and the number of households over 65 in age. Some of this follows general population shifts in the region but also pointed to areas for additional exploration such as employment and housing opportunities. The changing demographics of Stockbridge was an overarching concern discussed and returned to as a common thread in developing the community vision statements. The solutions for serving a population across age ranges and different economic means and life circumstances were one of the focus points of committee and community conversations.

As much as this presents a very real challenge to the Stockbridge community, it is also an opportunity. It is an invitation to explore strategies to retain older citizens and to attract younger households, consider shared services and build on the strengths of an existing walkable downtown.

The Town Assessor estimates that about one half of Stockbridge housing units are second homes. This contributes significantly to Stockbridge's taxable real estate without requiring significant service impacts. It also means that a large number of property owners are not involved in the governance of the town as voters or as volunteers, and this concern was voiced by participants in the visioning process.

GENERATIONAL TRENDS

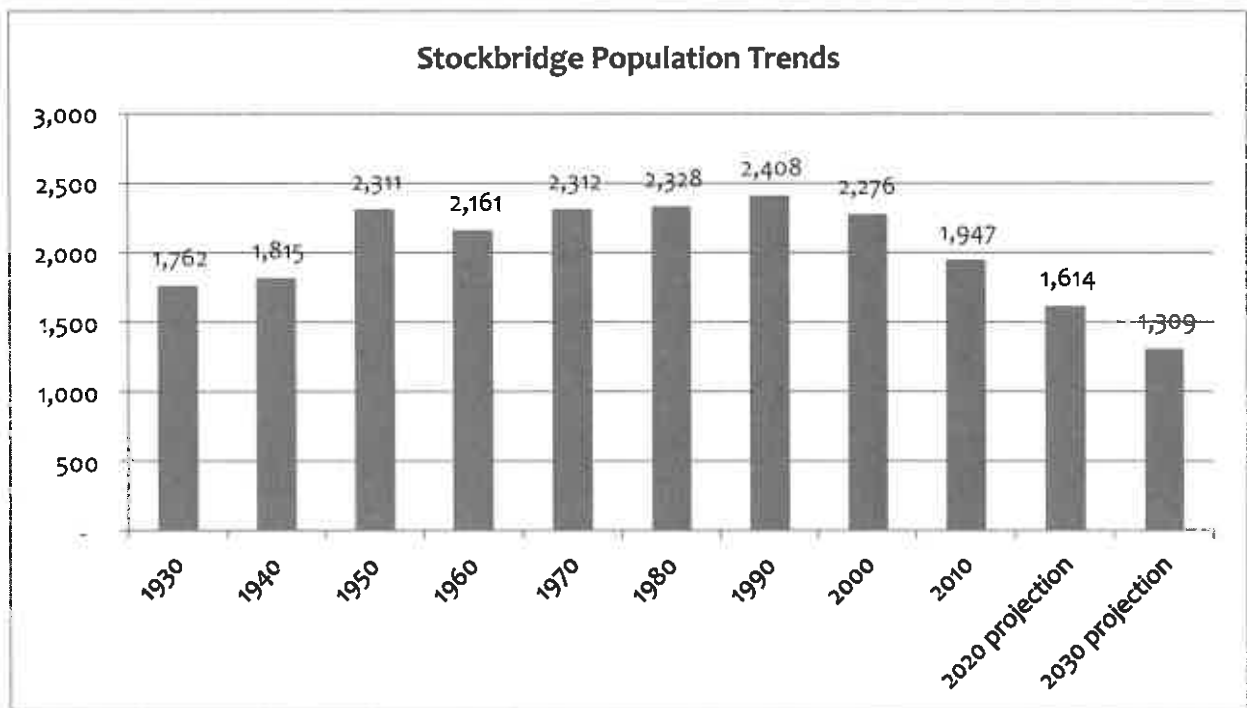
Population projections are an art & a science: follow the past trend and project it forward

Aging of the baby boom is increasing older households

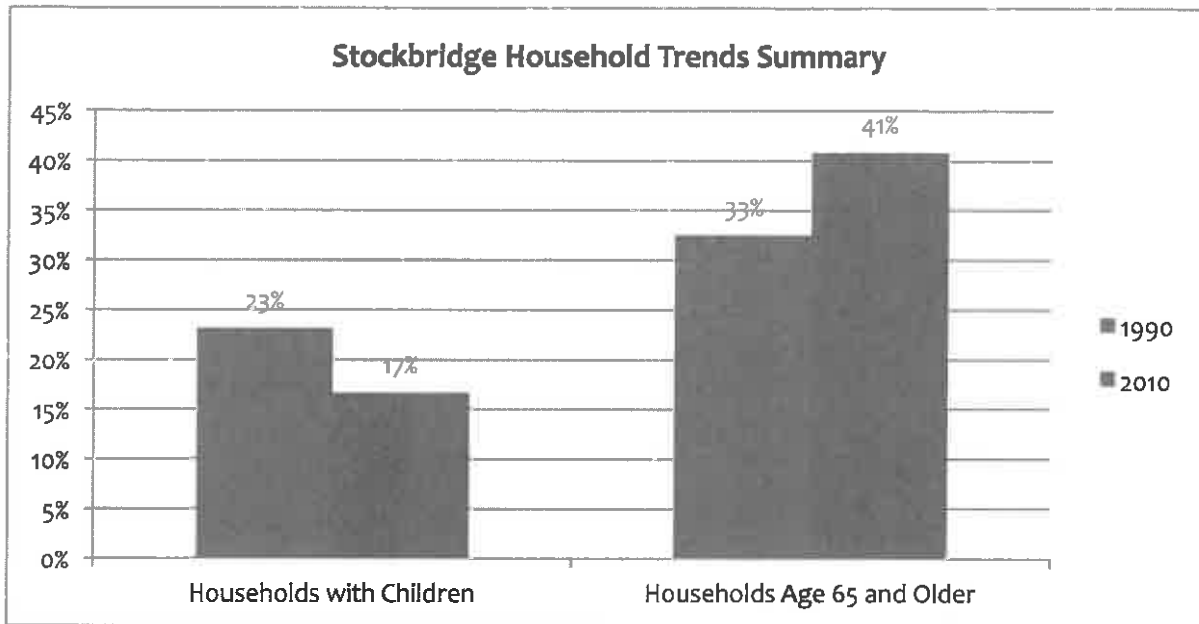
Households are being formed later

Households are smaller

Younger people are choosing to live in compact walkable neighborhoods closer to services and with less car dependency



Source: UMass Donahue Institute Vintage 2015 Population Projections March 2015



Data source: 2010 Federal Census

Identification of Special Places

At the very beginning of the evening participants were asked to mark their special places on a map of the Town. The following is a compilation of those places.

SPECIAL PLACES		
Stockbridge Bowl	Golf course	Golf course
Cemetery	Williams & Sons	Ridge
Rockwell Museum	View to Ice Glen from Rte. 7	Averic Lake and area
Chesterwood	Vernal pools & wetlands	Berkshire Botanical Garden
Indian Burial Ground	Playground Interlaken	Butler Road Bridge
Congregational Church	Gould Meadow/Bullard Woods	Rte. 183 along the river
Old Town Hall	Watershed	IS183
Red Lion Inn	Laura's Tower	Wheatleigh
Park	Kampoosa Bog	Tanglewood

Library Museum & Archives	Marion Brothers	Shrine of Divine Mercy
Ice Glen	Naumkeag	Mary Flynn Trail
Laura's Tower	Bowker Woods	Austin Riggs
Beach Boat Launch (Stockbridge Bowl)	Laurel Hill Association properties	Clock Tower at Congregational Church
Riverbrook Residence	High Lawn Farm	Mundys
Cove	Beartown State Forest	Echo Lake
Interlaken Park	MVF trail	Rattlesnake Mountain
Glendale Housatonic Crossing	Kripalu	Johnston Farm
Laurel Hill	Lily Pond	Mohawk Brook Preserve
Individual homes	Mission House	

Polling Exercise

The next section of the January 28 community meeting was a polling exercise to find out more about the participants and what they thought were some of the town's trends, asking the question, "How has your community changed in the last twenty years?"

Almost all participants agreed (98%) that second homeowners comprise the largest group of newcomers to the community and seniors (62%) make up the second largest. Participants see the greatest out-migration in young professionals (44%) and young families (36%) and no one reported a loss of second homeowners.

In response to the question, "What do you personally believe is the most attractive aspect of living in Stockbridge?"

The following were the top ranking responses:

- Great outdoors (92%)
- Historic/rural charm and natural beauty (91%)
- Cultural institutions (71%)
- Sense of community (61%)

Only 4% of respondents cited employment opportunities as an attractive aspect of the community. Other aspects that participants identified were: proximity to NYC and Boston, new high school and small size of community.

Small Group Discussions

Following the polling exercise participants divided in to small discussion groups of 8-10 people and answered a series of "Wouldn't it be great if ...?" questions

An example is the question, "Wouldn't it be great if these things could be improved in our community?" Answers related to downtown and business diversity included:

- More affordable restaurants
- Businesses that cater to year-round residents
- More parking downtown
- Safer access to town by bike or walking
- Re-use of Old Town Hall

For complete polling results and a detailed summary of all the group discussions from the January 28 community meeting see Appendix: Stockbridge Visioning Project Summary of January 28 Community Meeting.

The Second Community Meeting

The responses to the group polling questions and to group discussions in the first community meeting shaped the topic areas used for the second community meeting. The second community-wide meeting held March 7, 2016, was designed to take the future vision for Stockbridge created in the first meeting and refine it and give it a "reality check" to see what might be feasibly accomplished over the next 20 years.

In preparation for the second community meeting, the consultants prepared draft vision statements (see pages 6-8 of this report) in six topic categories, and after review by the Visioning Committee these statements were used to obtain reactions and additional ideas from those attending the meeting. Visioning Committee members served as facilitators at the topic stations positioned around the gymnasium in the

Town Offices. There was a polling exercise going on simultaneously across the hall in the Community Room, focused on the vision statements.

A detailed summary of the results of the second community meeting is found in the Appendix: Summary of Stockbridge Community Visioning Meeting March 7, 2016.

Local Economy & Downtown

The importance of downtown and the establishments located there were mentioned often. Ideas were shared on how to make the downtown more inviting for its users. Parking and traffic were cited as a concern and some ideas for specific improvements were generated.

Polling: In Group 1, 22% strongly agreed and 56% somewhat agreed with the draft Vision Statement. The polling results in Group 2 found almost 50% strongly agreed and almost 30% somewhat agreed, showing a significant difference between the two groups polled.

Transportation & Circulation

There was considerable interest in increasing hiking and biking trails and establishing more connections between destinations. Downtown traffic and intersection safety and congestion were frequently cited. A return of passenger trains was noted as desirable.

Polling: About one-third of those polled strongly agreed with the draft vision statement with the remainder divided somewhat evenly across the categories of somewhat agreed, somewhat disagreed and strongly disagreed.

Historic & Cultural Resources

Participants were supportive of cultural venues and activities and ideas were shared for how to increase activities that might appeal to children and young families.

Polling: About half the respondents strongly agreed with the draft vision statement with about 40% showing they somewhat agreed.

Housing

While there was overall support for a variety of housing options to serve the needs of many different groups in the community, there were also a number of comments that supported limiting new residential development and did not view affordable housing as the responsibility of local government. The divergence of opinion about the future direction of housing points to the need for further community research and discussion on this topic.

Polling: Housing showed the greatest disagreement with the draft vision statement; however during the closing discussion participants shared that it was unclear if the question asked what they thought was desirable versus what was actually achievable (an issue with all the polling). About one-third of the responses somewhat disagreed, and over 20% strongly disagreed.

Open Space, Natural Resources & Recreation

There were a number of ideas for increased trails and bike paths (some of these overlap with the topic of Transportation & Circulation). Protecting the environment and natural resource areas was universally supported. A dog park (also suggested as part of Local Economy & Downtown) received mixed reviews suggesting further study and discussion are needed prior to any local action on a dog park. The suggestion to limit the amount of developable land to protect the tax base by limiting increased demand for services brought by additional residences was the only other idea that received more negative than positive responses.

Polling: This draft vision statement was highly supported with Group 1, which had 75% in strong agreement and the remainder somewhat agreeing. Group 2 had 94% strongly agreeing.

Government & Services

Comments covered many aspects of town government and community-wide services with education and schools being an important concern, and shared services mentioned as a future direction.

Polling: Responses were split across "strongly agreed" and "somewhat agreed" with the draft vision statement.

Recommendations for Future Actions

The work of the Stockbridge Visioning Committee and the two community-wide meetings that they sponsored in early 2016 were very successful in creating a forum for constructive dialogue among participants and in collecting a very rich and extensive range of comments about improvements people would like to see happen over the next 20 years.

The Stockbridge Visioning Committee may choose to continue to facilitate other planning activities that were identified during the Visioning Project. Some members expressed an interest in continuing on to be part of implementing some of the changes that were suggested during the community meetings.

The Committee, along with other residents who participated in the Visioning Project, may bring forward a proposal for the completion of a full Master Plan. A Master Plan would need to be part of the town's capital plan and the expenditure for it would need budgetary approval from the Town Meeting. A Master Plan will involve substantial data collection and widespread public participation using services of a professional planning team that has Master Planning experience. If a full Master Plan is not the direction the Town wants to go in at this time, there are a number of strategic plans or studies that would be a logical follow-up to the Visioning Project and would capture the energy and interest expressed during the visioning process.

Housing

Housing remains an area that would benefit greatly by further community conversations to explore different approaches to broadening housing choices. There was a great deal of interest in providing housing for older residents who wanted to downsize but stay in Stockbridge, as well as interest in housing that was affordable to younger families with children. Development methods, such as cluster developments

requiring smaller lots but setting aside common open space, was one of the future actions mentioned.

A Housing Study can help to identify possible locations, both public and private, for new housing and to undertake a review of existing regulations with suggestions for amendments or revisions as part of this study. The state's Department of Housing and Community Development has a housing plan program, the Housing Production Plan, with a specific required format for completing a housing plan but which could be followed or modified to suit local housing objectives. Pursuing more information that can help shape future housing development is a way to capture some of the enthusiasm for new directions for the community expressed in the community meetings.

Transportation

Transportation is a broad topic that includes automobiles, public transportation, bicycles, and pedestrians. The influx of people and traffic in the tourist season is a major issue for the quality of life for Stockbridge residents and also impacts the ability of the local economy to continue to grow and thrive. Traffic snarls, intersection back-ups and parking shortages during the peak summer season have been a long-standing problem for Stockbridge. A Transportation Plan focusing on these issues and recommending short and long-term solutions is an area for further exploration.

Structural changes in road intersections or road re-alignments is a multi-year process of design, engineering and construction which will include a public review process before any significant road redesign initiative is undertaken. A solid Transportation Plan would be an underpinning of such an effort.

Downtown

Stockbridge's town center is the focal point of community life for the residents and its historic architecture and classic small town charm make it a continuing draw for visitors. In the community meetings ideas were shared for streetscape improvements, better signage, outdoor eating areas, better parking scenarios, and an enhanced retail experience. Planning ahead for physical improvements to the downtown to improve walkability, and to better direct visitors and promote local businesses can keep the

downtown area attractive and vital for future generations. A Downtown Plan that analyzes downtown strengths and weaknesses and recommends physical and programming improvements can give direction to future infrastructure and streetscape investments.

Open Space and Recreation

Stockbridge has noteworthy accomplishments in the protection of open space and natural resources but many additional natural resource and recreation areas, as well as enhancements to existing areas, surfaced during the visioning process. Stockbridge could benefit from the completion of an Open Space and Recreation Plan according to guidelines of the Division of Conservation Resources of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs. This would give the town a comprehensive way to review current conservation protections and target priorities for future acquisitions.

Conclusion

Stockbridge's Visioning Project took place in late 2015 and was completed in spring 2016. An active Visioning Committee worked closely with outside consultants to plan and facilitate two community-wide meetings January 28 and March 7, 2016. These sessions were well attended, although participation was predominantly by older residents who were year-round residents. Findings over the two community meetings, using a variety of group participation exercises, gave consistent results of overall community preferences for future directions. Areas where there were divergent views and opinions have been identified in this report.

The Vision for Stockbridge in 2016 is the primary product of this effort and points toward directions for the town's future development and to planning work. The Visioning Project points to issues that can be studied, discussed and pursued depending on community interest and resources. It is intended to provide a useful starting place for on-going community action.

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Confronting changes, Stockbridge plans 'community visioning' sessions

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STOCKBRIDGE >> Confronted by a shifting landscape, officials have scheduled a pair of "community visioning" meetings to help navigate the series of changes the town will face in the coming months and years.

Town leaders have planned two interactive community workshops to be led by appointed members of the new Visioning Committee. Professional consultants Connie Kruger and Jennifer Goldson of JM Goldson, a Boston-based community preservation and planning organization based in Roslindale, a neighborhood of Boston, will help to direct the discussions.

Town Administrator Jorja-Ann P. Marsden stated that the workshops will focus on how the town is changing and will include "small group exercises" and "digital group polling" in order to encourage discussion about how residents envision the future.

A number of changes lie ahead for the community, including declining population, rising costs, the planned mid-July retirement of the town administrator, an agreement to explore shared services with Lee and Lenox, and questions about the approach to policing in the town.

Projections indicate that the town's population is expected to slide from 1,947 in the 2010 U.S. Census to 1,309 by 2030. The population peaked at 2,408 in 1990, according to federal records. The decline between 1990 and 2010 was nearly 20 percent.

Currently, about three out of five homes in town are owned by seasonal residents, local property records show. The second-home group contributes about 70 percent of local tax revenues.

Between 1990 and 2010, the census figures show, there was a 27 percent decline in households with children, while households with seniors 65 and older increased by the same percentage.

Thus, in 2010 only 17 percent of homes included children, while 41 percent included seniors.

"Visioning is the act of imagining the future," Marsden said in her announcement. "Before there can be a meaningful plan to move forward with community preservation and development, residents must agree on a picture of what they want their community to look like, feel like and be like."

At the Jan. 11 Selectboard meeting, Selectman Ernest "Chuckie" Cardillo urged townspeople to attend the visioning meetings to plan future approaches "to where the town's going. I think the town has to decide what size police department we need. ... What can the town afford for any department with our limited tax base?"

"Which is why we're talking about shared services," Selectman Stephen Shatz said.

In an Eagle interview on Monday, Shatz declared that the town administrator position in Stockbridge is a potential candidate for a shared services arrangement with Lenox and Lee.

"The three towns share more concerns than differences," he said.

As for the visioning workshops, Shatz said: "What I'd like to see come out is an intelligent discussion about the future structure of the town and our ability to continue to provide the services people have come to expect and those we will need as we get older."

The first workshop, "Time to Dream," is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in the gymnasium of the Town Offices, 50 Main St. The goal of the workshop is to "focus the participants on the best-imagined future," Marsden stated in her announcement.

A second workshop, "Time for a Reality Check," is scheduled on 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, with the intention of "grounding the vision and setting goals for the future," Marsden said. "The visioning process builds across the workshops so residents are encouraged, but not required, to attend both."

A final report based on the results of the community's ideas could be ready by late April or early May.

At a previous Visioning Committee session, Goldson, the consultant, pointed out that the first community

workshop, looking back at the past 20 years, is to "dream and not judge" and the second community workshop is a "reality check looking 20 years into the future and adding some degree of judgment.

Reflecting back actually best prepares people for looking ahead 20 years."

Residents planning to attend have been asked to sign up at <http://stockbridge-workshop1.eventbrite.com> so adequate refreshments, workshop materials and potential child care services can be provided. However, the gatherings are open public meetings and registration is not required.

For more information, contact Town Administrator Jorja-Ann Marsden, 413-298-4170, ext. 100, or by e-mail at jorja.marsden@townofstockbridge.com

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Stockbridge Visioning Committee

Members, all full-time residents unless otherwise indicated, include:

- Stewart Edelstein, president of the Stockbridge Library, Museum & Archives, board member of the Stockbridge Land Trust, the Literacy Network of Southern Berkshires, and the Stockbridge Library Museum & Archives.
- Terry Flynn, active on town committees, firefighter for 37 years, a teacher of literature, philosophy and history at Monument Mountain Regional High School for 31 years.
- Jennie Jadow, theater director and choreographer, involved in Shakespeare & Company education programs since 2001, choreographer at Lavender Door Theatre at Austen Riggs Institute, former education director of Barrington Stage Company.
- Karen Marshall, movement therapy-wellness coaching practitioner in Stockbridge and Boston; member of Stockbridge Library board.
- Duncan Pollock, part-time resident, marketing specialist for companies such as American Express, BMW, General Motors, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft, Master-Card and Unilever; owner of consulting business, former chairman of ad agency Ammirati Puris Lintas' New York office.
- Christine Rasmussen, senior researcher on proposed land use legislation at the state House of Representatives, member of the Boston Metropolitan Area Planning Council's Metro Future Plan, former Gloucester City Council member involved in creation of the city's master plan.
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- Terry Shea, part-time resident since 1980, board member of Stockbridge Library Association, retired from a career in institutional equity investment.
- Peter Socha, buildings supervisor at Tanglewood for the Boston Symphony, assistant fire chief, 30-year Fire Department member, Stockbridge Sewer and Water commissioner since 2004, former Conservation Commission member.
- Barbara J. Zanetti, Berkshire native, Sheffield resident, executive director of the Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce, active with the chamber since 1992, employee since 1997. Partner in Roger Trucking Services, a waste removal and recycling company in Great Barrington.

Stockbridge Visioning Project: Summary of January 28, 2016 Community Meeting

Prepared by Connie Kruger and JM Goldson Feb. 11, 2016

Summary

The Stockbridge "Time to Dream" Community Meeting was the first in a series of two public community meetings as part of the Stockbridge Community Visioning Project. The community meeting was designed to engage residents in focused discussion about how Stockbridge is changing and how residents would like to guide that change. This first workshop was organized around the theme:

Let's look back 20 years so that we can look forward and envision your community's best future: "Where are we now? Where have we been? Where are we going?"

The purpose of the workshop was to give participants context and information about Stockbridge and to guide them through exercises designed to foster brainstorming and creativity.

Methods

The Community Meeting was held Thursday January 28, 2016, sponsored by the Town of Stockbridge's Visioning Committee. Over 85 people attended this meeting. Consultants Connie Kruger and Jennifer Goldson presented information about the Town and briefly summarized findings from the 1996 Master Plan and began the process of identifying changing trends and opportunities for future planning. Members of the Stockbridge Visioning Committee and the Town Administrator facilitated the group exercises in ten breakout groups. The workshop consisted of two group exercises, as well as group polling and small group discussions. Brief summaries of the results of each exercise are provided below with detailed summaries attached.

Group Polling

"How has your community changed in the last 20 years?"

Group polling enables workshop organizers to get a picture of who participants are. Do they live or work in Stockbridge? Did they raise children in the community? What kind of changes do they think will have the most impact on Stockbridge in the future? In addition, polling shows participants where they fit in the demographic make up of their community.

The polling exercise was divided into two sections, the first addressed demographic characteristics of participants and the second, participants' perceptions of trends and changes in the community.

Demographics

The majority of respondents (89%) consider their home in Stockbridge their primary residence while 5% are second home owners. Participants skew to older, 95% are 40 or older and 71% are 60 or older. Ninety-six percent do not have children under 18 living with them though 41% did raise children in Stockbridge. Thirty-four percent of participants have been associated with Stockbridge, either living or working there, since before 1969. Roughly a third of participants work in Stockbridge and/or serve on Town Boards or Committees.

Trends

Who is moving into Stockbridge? Who is leaving? What are the most attractive things about the community? Participants could choose multiple responses and these responses tracked with the results of the discussion groups.

Participants agreed (98%) that second homeowners comprise the largest group of newcomers to the community and seniors (62%) make up the second largest. Participants see the greatest out-migration in young professionals (44%) and young families (36%) and no one reported a loss of second home owners.

What do you personally believe is the most attractive aspect of living in Stockbridge?

The following were the top ranking responses:

- Great outdoors (92%)
- Historic/rural charm and natural beauty (91%)
- Cultural institutions (71%)
- Sense of community (61%)

Only 4% of respondents cited employment opportunities as an attractive aspect of the community. Other aspects that participants wrote in include: proximity to NYC and Boston, new high school and small size of community.

What changes do you most think will affect the community over the next 20 years?

The following were the top ranking responses:

- Demographics (more seniors and fewer families) (88%)
- Tourism (50%)
- Local and regional services (33%)

Other responses included the lack of affordable housing, lack of affordable housing for seniors, infrastructure and access to water, and development of natural resources.

Group Discussions

Group Exercise #1

Mapping Where are your community's special places?

Participants identified places that fit into one of three categories, Landmarks & Buildings, Cultural Resources, and Natural Resources. The majority of responses belong in the Natural Resources category and are either places to recreate or unique views or settings. Some examples of each:

Landmarks & Buildings

- Old Town Hall
- Red Lion Inn
- Library
- Congregational Church

Cultural Resources

- Kripalu
- Tanglewood
- Rockwell Museum
- Naumkeag

Natural Resources

- Mohawk Brook Reserve
- Interlaken Park
- Rte. 183 along river (scenic view)
- Ice glen
- Beartown Forest

Group Exercise #2

Your vision for the future: "Wouldn't it be great if..."

Participants worked in groups of 8-10 on this exercise which consisted of seven questions about community. Each participant recorded their responses individually and then shared their responses with their group. A member of Stockbridge's Visioning Committee acted as facilitator in each group and recorded individual responses.

There was a lot of overlap in questions about arts and cultural resources and transportation which **points to a desire for dedicated transportation to cultural resources.**

1. Wouldn't it be great if these things could stay the same in our community?

Landmarks & Meeting Places

- Post office
- Town center and local businesses (market, coffee shop, etc.)
- Town Green (Bell Tower, Church)
- Old Town Hall
- Red Lion Inn
- Library

Open Space & Natural Resources

- Stockbridge Bowl
- Rural roads
- Clean air and water
- Trails and woodlands
- High Lawn and Southmeade Farms

Cultural & Human Resources

- Small Town character-people care about each other
- Friendly Town Hall
- Tanglewood and museums
- High quality public education
- Annual traditions and events
- High level of volunteerism

2. Wouldn't it be great if these things could be improved in our community?

Infrastructure & Transportation

- High speed internet, cell phone
- Traffic calming
- Main St. Rte. 7 intersection
- Connect hiking trails
- Reconfigure downtown traffic pattern

- Truck bypass around downtown

Community Building & Diversity

- Bring back public school
- Attract families
- More neighborhoods of year-round residents
- More winter activities
- Community gathering space and community events
- Create employment opportunities for young families
- Cultural venue for 20-40 year olds
- Intergenerational activities

Downtown & Business Diversity

- More affordable restaurants
- Businesses that cater to year-round residents
- More parking downtown
- Safer access to Town by bike or walking
- Re-use of Old Town Hall

Open Space & Natural Resources

- Clean up Stockbridge Bowl and Town Beach
- Clean up Housatonic River
- Self-sustaining farms

Other

- Zoning Bylaw and Regulation revisions
- Attract & keep young families

3. Wouldn't it be great if people had these housing choices in our community?

Affordability

- Affordable housing for seniors
- Affordable housing for families
- Mixed-income housing
- Middle-income single family rentals

Housing Types

- Rentals and apartments
- Townhouses with gardens
- Small single family homes
- Co-housing
- Senior housing & full-service senior housing
- Multi-family
- Compact & clustered housing/cluster housing on great estates
- In-town condos
- Convert Old Town Hall to housing
- Accessory apartments

Other

- Housing in walking distance to downtown
- Net-zero energy housing

4. Wouldn't it be great if we had these types of businesses and employment opportunities in our community?

Employment Opportunities

- Opportunities for youth
- Telecommuting
- Green technology
- Light manufacturing/small manufacturing
- Nano technology
- Artist's cooperative
- Business incubator
- Home businesses

Businesses

- Shoemaker
- Hardware store
- Bakery
- Farms
- Agri-tourism
- Doctor's office
- After-school program or daycare
- Local pharmacy
- Evening entertainment for younger residents
- Businesses geared toward residents, not tourists

5. Wouldn't it be great if we had these transportation and travel options in the community?

In-Town

- Taxi service or Uber
- Jitney to take tourists to cultural attractions
- Safe travel for youth
- Local busses
- Zip car service
- Sidewalks
- North/South bike and walking trail
- Electric charging stations
- Zip cars

Out of Town

- Train to Boston, Montreal & NYC
- Regional transportation
- Service to and from the airport
- Light rail throughout Berkshire County
- Easier way to get to Boston

6. Wouldn't it be great if our town government, facilities, and services were like this in our community?

Government

- Town Manger with enhanced powers
- Shift some positions from elected to hired
- Return Town offices to Old Town Hall
- Functional Parks and Recreation
- Improved Town website
- Way to reach second home owners
- Improve public access to Town meetings and minutes

Facilities

- Swimming pool
- Charter school
- Expand water and sewer services
- Update infrastructure
- Make public restrooms
- Create public parking

Services

- Shared services with adjacent towns
- Better road maintenance during storms
- Mentoring project for students
- increase non-profit contributions

7. Wouldn't it be great if recreational, arts, and cultural resources were like this in our community?

Arts & Culture

- Town bandstand and concerts
- Keep ticket prices low for locals
- Implement an entertainment tax
- Have home grown cultural activities going on year-round
- Have more contemporary music
- Community art gallery
- Have a "maker space" with 3D printers and sewing machines
- Local movie theater

Recreational

- Improve playing fields
- Create dog park at Gould Meadows
- More trail access
- More canoe/river access
- Clean up Housatonic River for recreation
- Bowling alley
- Skating rink
- Place to rent skis and snow shoes

SUMMARY OF
STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY VISIONING MEETING
March 7, 2016

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The Stockbridge Visioning Committee hosted the second Community Meeting March 7, 2016, as part of the Visioning Project. Over 70 people participated in the event. The meeting was structured in two parts, with one half of the group participating in electronic polling and discussion focused on the draft vision statements prepared by the consultants, while the other half of the group circulated around seven topic stations in an "open house" format. The stations displayed a draft vision statement for the topic along with some "trigger questions" to stimulate ideas and reactions. Participants wrote out their own comments on sticky notes, affixed them to sheets hanging at the topic station and others could show agreement or disagreement by putting either a green or red dot on other people's notes.

This is a summary of the major ideas and themes collected at the topic stations. The full set of comments and the count of green and red dots is also available in a document titled "Summary of Station Comments".

Station#1: Local Economy & Downtown

In 2036, our local economy is a mixture of our traditional mainstay of tourism, a vibrant cultural and creative economy, as well as green and technology based businesses, active food production from local farmers, and agri-tourism.

Downtown Stockbridge remains the center of community life as the location of major services and community gathering places including the Town Offices, Post Office, Library, restaurants, and shops. The Town maintains a healthy balance between the need to nourish Stockbridge's tourist-based economy with the need to sustain an authentic and functioning downtown that enriches the quality of life for residents, the local labor force, and visitors alike. Our downtown cultural district helps local businesses, arts, humanities, and other organizations improve the quality and range of opportunities to keep downtown memorable and vibrant.

- **Downtown Activities:** There was positive support for having more events and activities downtown. These included: arts and cultural events, a Farmers Market, arts & crafts shows.
- **Parking & traffic:** the need to manage seasonal traffic was brought up quite a few times. It was noted that there is quite a bit of parking at the Town Offices and one idea was to create a connecting path to Elm Street. The need for additional parking at the Post Office was cited. Parking lot by Hall's Garage and redesigning the overall traffic flow was mentioned.
- **Old Town Hall:** reusing the Old Town Hall for community uses, entertainment venue or business incubator was mentioned a few times. The idea of demolishing it or using it for green space or a parking lot got mixed reactions.
- A dog park was mentioned in a few comments and it also got mixed reactions.
- Making downtown more visible for visitors, increasing the visibility of the Visitors Center, and using better interpretive and directional signs.
- Reusing Hall's Garage site was received positive reactions.
- More services for residents are wanted: drug store, hardware full service grocery, better ice cream.
- Encouraging young farmers and supporting agriculture and agri-tourism received positive response.

- Other ideas to note: more outdoor benches and tables, research and protect the public right-of-ways and foot paths around downtown, install rest room with composting toilets, make Stockbridge a leading green community (walk to town, solar, small scale hydro)
- Another smaller center for business, restaurants, etc. with parking
- “Edges” should not be left out—cultural organizations provide rich offerings.
- Create easier access to open spaces—wetlands. Ice Glen, River—for non-automobile access.
- Incubator for food entrepreneurs.
- Vibrant town website with information on cultural and historical events going on in town.

“If downtown is good for residents, visitors will also enjoy it—make it the place you want to be.”

Station #2 Transportation & Circulation

In 2036, people can move safely and efficiently throughout town by using various modes of transportation, both motorized and non-motorized. Stockbridge residents and visitors are less automobile-reliant than in decades past with expanded pedestrian networks, bicycle infrastructure, expanded regional bus services, and regional ride-sharing services.

Community activities are clustered in and near downtown, providing safe, accessible, and comfortable options for walking and biking throughout town. The cultural institutions collaboratively manage a coordinated visitor transportation system between major tourist destinations.

People can also move safely and efficiently between towns and regionally with new rail transit through Berkshire County and rail connections to Albany, Boston, Montreal, and New York City.

- Intersections: the problems with the Rte. 7/102 and Rte. 7/ Main Street intersections were mentioned many times. Traffic lights and a round about were suggested but some commented not to have stop lights or one-way streets downtown. The need for police to direct traffic during heavy use times was mentioned a number of times. Traffic calming downtown and on the outskirts was cited.
- Bike trails: were mentioned a number of times with mostly positive reactions.
- Hiking trails: were suggested to link to a number of locations: Town Office lot to Mary Flynn Trail, Lower Church Street to Norman Rockwell, old trolley line from Mary Flynn to Housatonic. Advertising local trails for running, hiking, etc. was also suggested.
- Trains: many supported increased train service to NY and CT and consider re-establishing an active train station, while some expressed concern that increased rail access would bring adverse impacts of increased development. One person suggested discontinuing freight service past old train station and re-purposing it for a trail.
- Trolley between cultural venues
- Taxi service

Station # 3 Historic & Cultural Resources

In 2036, Stockbridge continues to showcase its exceptional cultural and historic assets as a destination of choice for visitors. The array of entertainment and cultural attractions is expanded to offer an inter-generational appeal. The community provides strong stewardship to ensure the town’s history and legacy are passed on to future generations.

- Support cultural and historic resources and organizations ran across a number of comments: they provide jobs and help the local economy and attract younger people

(music festivals, night life, family events). Activities may include public private partnerships. Some felt that cultural resources could do more to serve local residents. Historic institutions could be better coordinated.

- Kids: the Playhouse could offer programs, parks could offer programming, create coop program for volunteering for town boards and committees.
- Use Proctor Hall for creative space or other community uses. There were suggestions for turning it into a park or parking lot but reactions were very mixed on this.
- Re-writing bylaws to tighten application process was not well supported.

Other ideas:

- Support local theater.
- Local artist-in-resident program
- Continue contact with Stockbridge Indians in Bowker, WI
- Expand access to archives
- Solicit great historic projects for CPA funding.
- Create a Local Historic District.
- Create a Cultural District.
- Create an Art Walk.
- Coordinate passes to historic sites
- Keep the Rd Lion Inn healthy
- Develop more historic tours

Station #4 Housing

Stockbridge in 2036 has a socially and economically diverse population and is attracting residents across a range of ages and incomes by providing diverse housing options to promote a vibrant, healthy, and intergenerational community and supporting older adults to remain in the community as they age.

Stockbridge has varied housing options from apartments and condominiums to co-housing and smaller single-family homes to our historic "Berkshire Cottages." Together, these housing types meet the needs of residents of all ages and economic means.

Housing options include a mix of sustainable new construction and repurposed existing buildings, including the preservation of older homes. New homes complement the design and fabric of our community and are located to encourage walking or biking, minimize automobile dependency, protect natural and cultural resources, and increase residents living in proximity to the town center, including in mixed-use buildings with apartments over shops, to support downtown business.

While there was a lot of overall support for affordable housing in a variety of forms there was also a number of comments wanting to limit new residential development and did not view affordable housing as a responsibility of local government. Because the topic of housing also received the most mixed responses in the polling (although it was pointed out that some of this was due to the way the question was asked in a way that combined support for with feasibility of it happening), the comments are organized showing support and then lack of support. The divergence of opinion about the future direction of housing points to the need for further community education and discussion on this topic.

Comments in support of affordable housing:

- Create more affordable housing
- Cluster housing—smaller lots, more green space

- Affordable housing for seniors and for families and for mixed-age
- Reduce lot size requirements
- Encourage cluster and multi-family development near town center (sewer, walkable)
- Repurpose old building (not build new)
- Zoning changes to allow more owners to have rental units or home businesses
- Financial incentives for affordable home ownership
- Raise taxes for seasonal home owners

"All things [in the vision statement] are expressed beautifully."

Comments showing opposition to affordable housing:

- Employers should pay more—town should not be in the housing business
- Low property taxes are big attraction of Stockbridge
- No change to zoning bylaw
- Protect the Bowl from overbuilding

"Totally unrealistic."

Station #5 Open Space, Natural Resources & Recreation

In 2036, Stockbridge has clean, well-maintained public open space and recreation areas, clean air and water for drinking and recreation, and local farms, including the family-owned High Lawn dairy farm. Natural resources, trails, and conservation areas are available for public use and a continuing legacy of responsible stewardship will guarantee their existence for future generations.

New and existing recreation sites reflect the needs of a diverse population and encourage an active and healthy lifestyle for people of all ages and abilities. The town's unique natural areas and open spaces are identified and protected through a combination of support of land owners, public acquisition, stewardship, and creative site planning.

The town provides support for maintaining the tree canopy and landscaped areas enhance the neighborhood setting.

There were a number of ideas for increased trails and bike paths (some of these overlap with #2 Transportation & Circulation). Protecting the environment and natural resource areas was universally supported. A dog park (also expressed in #1 Local Economy & Downtown) received mixed reviews suggesting further study and discussion is needed prior to any local action on a dog park. The suggestion to limit the amount of developable land to protect the tax base was the only other idea that received more negative than positive responses.

- Trails & bikes: Restore Laura's Trail; continuous trail from one end of town to the other; re-open trolley line as bike path; path along the river; mark trail heads with length and difficulty; support trails for runners; summit trail around town
- Natural spaces need more resources and attention: continue to support Land Trust and Laurel Hill; acquire land for community gardens
- Clean up the River (PCBs).
- Take measures to protect the Stockbridge Bowl
- Make protected land available to young farmers
- Continue to strengthen the Scenic Mountains Act
- Develop a park behind Town Offices
- Recreation: improve town beach; bring back ice hockey to the skate park

- Environmental: Limit spraying by Golf Club; more recycling containers around town; homes have more sustainable energy; compost all food waste

Station #6 Government and Services

In 2036, the town is led by caring leaders who encourage volunteer participation. All people involved in town government support professional standards and adopt appropriate, innovative, and creative policies and technologies to maintain the community's heritage and support the vision of the town. Stockbridge has an active civic life that bonds and links neighbors and neighborhoods into a cohesive community of caring involved citizens.

- Education: protect and enhance local schools (no charters); education should include arts; provide funding to keep curriculum and building current; discuss redistricting with Berkshire County; High School building needs improvement
- Hire a Town Manager
- Share services with other towns (administration, emergency services, other services)
- Town web site: make more user friendly; use to inform of all town events; create listserv to notify people signed up of board and committee meetings
- Need to expand police force
- Plan for expanded water & sewer
- Continue support of local Chamber of Commerce
- Cell tower and high speed internet
- Encourage walking: maintain, clear sidewalks and extend sidewalks
- Replace Finance Committee with professional finance officer
- Promote use of BerkShares

Cautionary:

- Town sewer moves ground water from one area to another without recharge
- Go back to little schools in villages
- No new contracts written behind closed doors
- Eliminate CPA funding for non-profits
- The vision statement does not say anything—pie-in-the-sky

Station #7 Other

- Town blog or newsletter to keep residents informed
- Need option of small condos for seniors
- Understand the limits of "Stockbridge exceptionalism"
- The more we don't change the more attractive a town we are in the long run
- Create space for young adults to socialize and congregate
- Find ways to encourage young families
- Focus on Stockbridge history beyond Norman Rockwell –more recognition of Stockbridge Indians and burial grounds
- Jobs are key—create business opportunities for 30-55 year old group
- Allow second home owners to fully participate in community life

"First question to ask a community...are you willing to change".

Stockbridge Visioning Workshop 2- March 7, 2016

Session Name

Session 1

Date Created

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Active Participants

34

Total Participants

34

Average Score

0.00%

Questions

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Results by Question

1. Rank Draft Local Economy & Downtown Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	21.88%	70
Somewhat Agree	56.25%	180
Somewhat Disagree	15.63%	50
Strongly Disagree	6.25%	20
Totals	100%	320

2. Rank Draft Historic & Cultural Resources Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	39.21%	129
Somewhat Agree	42.55%	140
Somewhat Disagree	18.24%	60
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	329

3. Rank Draft Transportation & Circulation Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	35.48%	110
Somewhat Agree	29.03%	90
Somewhat Disagree	16.13%	50
Strongly Disagree	19.35%	60
Totals	100%	310

4. Rank Draft Housing Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	18.29%	60
Somewhat Agree	24.39%	80
Somewhat Disagree	33.23%	109
Strongly Disagree	24.09%	79
Totals	100%	328

5. Rank Draft Open Space, Natural Resources, & Recreation Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	73.33%	220
Somewhat Agree	26.67%	80
Somewhat Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	300

7. Rank Draft Government & Services Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	38.79%	110
Somewhat Agree	50.17%	150
Somewhat Disagree	13.04%	39
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	299

Session Name
Session 2

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Active Participants
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Total Participants
33

Average Score
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Questions
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Questions
6

Results by Question

1. Rank Draft Local Economy & Downtown Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	48.99%	170
Somewhat Agree	28.24%	98
Somewhat Disagree	17.00%	59
Strongly Disagree	5.76%	20
Totals	100%	347

2. Rank Draft Historic & Cultural Resources Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	51.61%	160
Somewhat Agree	41.94%	130
Somewhat Disagree	6.45%	20
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	310

3. Rank Draft Transportation & Circulation Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	34.38%	110
Somewhat Agree	21.88%	70
Somewhat Disagree	21.88%	70
Strongly Disagree	21.88%	70
Totals	100%	320

4. Rank Draft Housing Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	22.58%	70
Somewhat Agree	22.58%	70
Somewhat Disagree	35.48%	110
Strongly Disagree	19.35%	60
Totals	100%	310

5. Rank Draft Open Space, Natural Resources, & Recreation Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

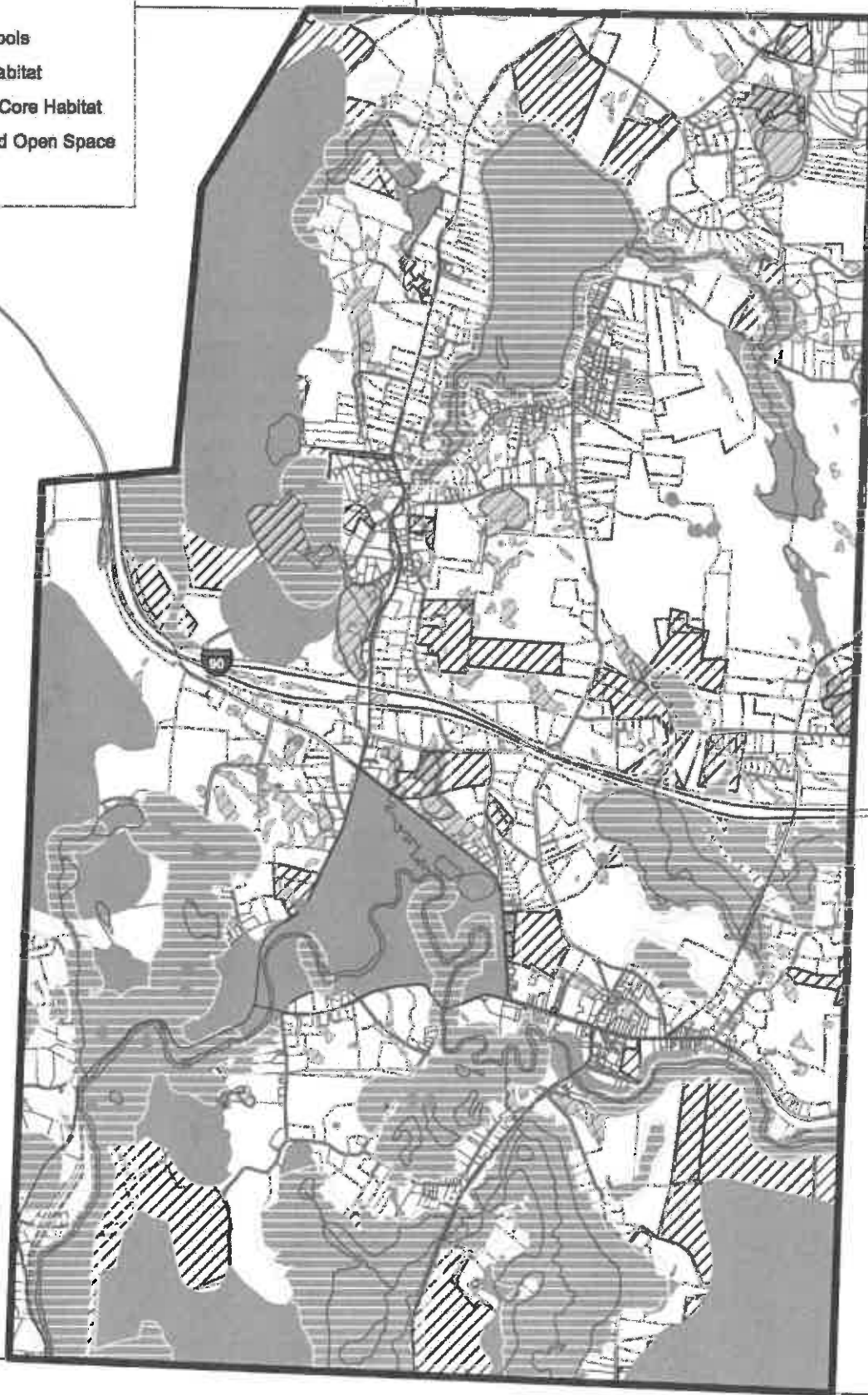
	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	93.55%	290
Somewhat Agree	3.23%	10
Somewhat Disagree	3.23%	10
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	310

6. Rank Draft Government & Services Vision Statement (Priority Ranking)

	Responses	
	Percent	Weighted Count
Strongly Agree	41.94%	130
Somewhat Agree	48.39%	150
Somewhat Disagree	9.68%	30
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	310

Legend

- MA Certified Vernal Pools
- MA NHESP Priority Habitat
- MA NHESP BioMap2 Core Habitat
- Permanently Protected Open Space
- MA DEP Wetlands



Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Natural Resources

0 1,200 2,400 4,800 7,200 Feet



Legend

-  Permanently Protected Open Space
-  Historic Resources



Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Historic Resources

0 1,200 2,400 4,800 7,200 Feet



