

Long Range Planning Committee
2020/2021 Report to QCBFD
August 2021

I would like to recognize the following members of the Long Range Planning Committee for their continued contribution to this committee and for their participation in monthly meetings throughout the year.

Renee Cohen, Anthony Flint, Chris Getman, Ron Jarvis, Roy Jacobsen, Paul Mathews, Diane McEnroe, George Prior, Taylor Rettig

This past year our committee began what we expect will be a multi-year project to develop a Comprehensive Plan for our community. Once finalized this Long Range Plan will help direct the efforts and focus of this committee as well as that of the Board Governors and its other committees. The Comprehensive Plan is a community- and data-driven blueprint or roadmap for the future. It acknowledges where we've been, where we are now, and will ultimately guide us to the future. The Committee's initial efforts on this project were researched based, gathering information and trends, and taking a comparative look at the Plans and methodology of other communities, including that of the Town of Charlestown. With this base and understanding, we were able to develop a framework for collecting, prioritizing, and organizing the many facets of the Plan we hope to develop.

In July and August, we conducted "Visioning Sessions", the all-important process of collecting community input. Residents enthusiastically submitted their ideas, comments, and suggestions regarding our community - what's changing, what they like and want to keep and protect, and what they feel could make it better. Comments were organized within various categories including, but not limited to: Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Facilities/Recreation, and Governance. As comments continue to be gathered, they will be reviewed, and synthesized. Once themes are identified, they will assist the Committee in moving forward with prioritizing and developing the overall Plan.

A very special thanks to Maud Bailey for sharing her experience with the Comprehensive Plan process and for providing the Committee with continued input and guidance as we embarked on this complex and important project.

In addition to the work on the Comprehensive Plan, the LRP Committee continued to work on the following projects:

1. Partnering with East Beach and other communities on the "Quonochontaug Neck" in order to explore and possible alternate sources of water for our future use
- 2 Research and review of remediation methods as well as the experience of other communities in addressing the infiltration of phragmites in local ponds and waterways.
3. Research and discussion with other communities regarding the possible benefits of water metering.
4. Research and discussion with other communities re requirements for records retention. Enhanced guidelines have been drafted and are currently under review.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, Long Range Planning Committee