Long Range Planning Committee 2021/2022 Report to QCBFD – Annual Meeting August 2022

I would like to recognize the following members of the Long Range Planning Committee for their contribution to this committee and for their participation in monthly meetings throughout the year: Renee Cohen, Anthony Flint, Chris Getman, Ron Jarvis, Roy Jacobsen, Chris Licht, Paul Mathews, Diane McEnroe, Taylor Rettig

While the Comprehensive Plan has been the primary focus of LRP, the Committee also continued work on the following projects:

- Continued research regarding the pros and cons of water metering.
- The launch of the Quonochontaug Conservation Collaborative (QCC), a coalition of neighboring communities on the Quonochontaug Neck with a shared interest in increasing awareness, and education on critical topics such as conservation, our common natural resources, and the environment.

As you are aware, last year the committee launched a multi-year project to develop a community and data driven Comprehensive Plan. Once completed the plan will identify the community's interests and priorities and will help direct the future focus and activities of the Board Governors and its other committees.

In the fall a working group was formed consisting of two members of Long Range Planning Committee and four members of the community. This working group met twice (sometimes three times) weekly throughout the year to interview subject matter experts both internal and external to our community. Questions for the interviews were prepared in advance and a total 24 interviews were conducted and recorded.

This July and August, the working group together with members of the Long Range Planning Committee, conducted two Community Feedback Sessions. Common themes from the interviews and last year's "Visioning Sessions" were presented and residents responded with their reactions and suggestions. As with our sessions last year, community participation was excellent. In July, a focus group of adults in their 20 and 30's was also conducted. Themes from the interviews and sessions emerged and will be displayed again for review and input at the Annual Meeting. As the committee continues to develop the Plan, it will be shared with the community for its reaction.

The following members of the Comprehensive Plan Working Group deserve special recognition and thanks for their dedication and participation in the interviews and research throughout the year: Maud Bailey, June Cairns, Renee Cohen, Anthony Flint, Ed Mellick, Barbara Ruel

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Frost Chair