

Natick 360
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Strategic Planning Oversight Committee
Minutes * January 30, 2008

Present

Rosemary Driscoll, designated by School Committee
Matthew Gardner, designated by the Conservation Commission
David Parish Co-Chair, designated by the Board of Selectmen
Andres Rochwerger, at-large member
George Richards, designated by the Planning Board
Craig Ross, Co-Chair, designated by the Finance Committee

Absent

Terri Evans, at-large member
John Heerwagen, at-large member
Bill Mayhew, at-large alternate member
Harlee Strauss, at-large member

Consultants Present

Phillip Blackerby, Blackerby Associates (by telephone)

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. EDT by the Co-Chair, Mr. Ross, in Room 1A, Morse Institute Library, 14 E. Central St., Natick, MA 01760. A quorum was present.

Item 1. Minutes

The Committee considered the minutes of December 18, 2007. The Committee noted corrections to add "the end of the year" after the word "before" on page 2, action item (b), and also on page 3, in the Summary of Action Items section, action item (b). Ms. Driscoll moved to approve the minutes as amended, Mr. Rochwerger seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 4-0-2 to approve the motion.

Item 2. Warrant Article Language

The Board of Selectmen will sponsor a warrant article for the Town Meeting to consider a report on the Strategic Plan. The Committee will sponsor a warrant article for the Town Meeting using the following language: "Shall the Town hear, receive and place the report on file from the Natick 360 Strategic Plan oversight committee, without ratification of any action taken or authorization of any action proposed?" The form of a corresponding motion by a Town Meeting Member would be, "I move to hear, receive and place the report on file from the Natick 360 Strategic Plan Oversight Committee, without ratification of any action taken or authorization of any action proposed." In addition, a Town Meeting Member will prepare a resolution thanking the Members of the Natick 360 Strategic Plan Oversight Committee for their work in preparing the Natick 360 Strategic Plan. Mr. Gardner moved that the Committee accept the proposed warrant article language, above. Mr. Richards seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 6-0-0 to approve the motion.

Item 3. Update on strategic plan

Mr. Gardner reported on the Conservation Commission's action plan.

Mr. Parish reported on the Board of Selectmen's action plan. The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to approve its action plan February 11.

Mr. Richards reported on the Planning Board's action plan.

Ms. Driscoll reported on the School Committee's action plan.

Mr. Ross reported on the Finance Committee's action plan, which was updated last night.

Schedule

The Committee noted that a final round of changes and corrections could be made in the next week, so that a final draft could be produced by mid-February. Final board and committee approvals must be completed during March, so that the final document may be submitted timely to Town Meeting, which starts Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

Draft Strategic Plan Outline

Mr. Parish presented a draft outline of the Natick 360 Strategic Plan for Committee discussion.

Next Steps

The Committee discussed the next steps in developing the final Natick 360 Strategic Plan.

Item 4. Other Business

Mr. Rochwerger reported on the progress in creating an archive that can be moved over to be hosted within the Town's general web site.

The Committee discussed options for an informal gathering.

The next meeting will be when all the boards and committees have completed their action plans, in mid-February.

Mr. Gardner moved to adjourn, Ms. Driscoll seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 6-0-0 to approve the motion. The Committee adjourned at 7:23 p.m.