

Natick 360

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Strategic Planning Oversight Committee Minutes * March 12, 2007

Present

Rosemary Driscoll, designated by School Committee
Matthew Gardner, designated by the Conservation Commission
John Heerwagen, at-large member
David Parish Co-Chair, designated by the Board of Selectmen
Craig Ross, Co-Chair, designated by the Finance Committee

Absent

Terri Evans, at-large member
George Richards, designated by the Planning Board
Harlee Strauss, at-large member

Consultants Present

Phillip Blackerby, Blackerby Associates (by telephone)

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. EST by the Co-Chair, Mr. Ross, in the School Committee Training Room, 3rd Floor Town Hall, Natick, MA 01760. A quorum was present.

Item 1. Minutes: Minutes from the February 21, 2007 and March 7, 2007 meetings were not available for consideration.

Item 2. Phase 3 Strategic Options Document: The Committee considered documents prepared by the Consultant, including a draft focus areas and strategies documents, inputs from two joint meetings of boards and committees, inputs from the Town staff, inputs from the public, and inputs from the key informants meeting. All the inputs documents were developed from meetings held February 12-15, 2007.

The Committee also considered a document prepared by the Committee Co-Chairs based on the same source documents. It was intended to represent everyone's concerns as well as possible. The Committee was concerned that this document could be distilled down further. Key discussion criteria included redundancy, action-ability, and issue-orientation rather than solution-orientation. The Committee went through all the items to create a new draft document.

Mr. Heerwagen moved to adjourn, Ms. Driscoll seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 5-0-0 to adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 8:37 p.m.