

Mendon Master Plan Committee

20 Main Street

Mendon, MA 01756

5-13-14 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mark Mortimer, Shirley Smith, Steve Parent, Bill McHenry and Sharon Cutler

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by chairman, Mark Mortimer. Mark advised the group that Peter Coffin has resigned from the Committee so that a quorum for future meetings is now 3 attendees. Mark noted that meeting minutes from 4/16 have not yet been received.

The committee reviewed Mark's draft of the survey, item by item, with the comments included on the attached proposed survey questions. All members are to review and advise any grammar, typos or proposed changes and submit to Bill and Trish. A formal vote on the survey will take place at our next meeting on 5/27.

Sharon moved that the meeting be adjourned, Shirley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Cutler

Secretary

MENDON MASTER PLAN SURVEY

This survey is a follow up to one sent out in 2011 that began work on Mendon's Master Plan. A Master Plan provides the basis for guidance, coordination and accountability to future decision makers regarding the long term land use and development of the community. A Master Plan can look up to twenty years into the future and be reviewed periodically for compliance and updating.

The questions below reflect the input from town residents as received in the original survey and four separate public sessions held over the last 8 months. Please provide your view on each of the following core areas by checking one box for each question.

Population and Housing

This section looks at Mendon's population including demographics in addition to Mendon's housing stock including type, size, cost, and location.

Should Mendon...	Strongly Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Neutral	Slightly Support	Strongly Support	No Opinion
Work to create more affordable housing?						
Promote the creation of more housing diversity?						
Promote the creation of more rental units?						
Other needs? _____						

Comments: _____

Economic Development

This section looks at Mendon's commercial and retail development today and towards the future.

Should Mendon...	Strongly Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Neutral	Slightly Support	Strongly Support	No Opinion
Encourage additional retail / commercial development in existing commercial areas only?						
Create additional retail / commercial areas?						
If so, where? _____						
Supply public water for the whole town?						
Supply public water in commercial areas only?						
Supply public water in residential areas only?						
Supply public water only to those willing to pay for its installation and use?						
Not supply any additional public water at all?						
Other needs? _____						

Comments: _____

Cultural and Historic Resources

This section reviews Mendon's inventory of cultural and historic resources with an eye on preservation, use, expansion, and possible development.

Should Mendon...	Strongly Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Neutral	Slightly Support	Strongly Support	No Opinion
Create by-laws that preserve the village center						

and promote traditional New England styles?						
Create a farmer's market?						
Update / add signage at cultural / historic sites?						
Other needs? _____						

Comments: _____

Open Space, Natural Resources and Recreation

This section reviews Mendon's current usage and future needs of existing open space (public and privately owned), natural resources, and recreation space (ex. sports fields) and passive recreation (ex. hiking).

Should Mendon...	Strongly Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Neutral	Slightly Support	Strongly Support	No Opinion
Acquire and build additional sports fields?						
Improve existing sports fields?						
Acquire additional open space to preserve the rural / natural character of the town?						
Have additional by-laws to protect water resources?						
Create a town common area (ex. Bellingham)						
Other needs? _____						

Comments: _____

Transportation and Circulation

The primary focus of this section is Mendon's infrastructure of roads, sidewalks, and pathways and how these will evolve in the future.

Should Mendon...	Strongly Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Neutral	Slightly Support	Strongly Support	No Opinion
Fund upgrades to its roads to a better condition?						
Fund road improvements improve traffic flow?						
Alter traffic patterns to improve traffic flow?						
Replace and/or add sidewalks?						
- If so, where? _____						
Fund the Senior Center van for senior and special needs transportation						
Other needs? _____						

Comments: _____

Community Facilities and Services

This section includes Mendon's facilities and services including but not limited to town hall, senior center, library, schools, parks, highway services, and public safety services.

Should Mendon...	Strongly Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Neutral	Slightly Support	Strongly Support	No Opinion
Improve town services?						

If so, which? _____						
Increase Senior Center facilities & services?						
Create a community center for all ages?						
Acquire / develop a public cemetery?						
Other needs? _____						

Comments: _____

Priorities

Please list your top three priorities that the town should address over the ten to twenty years:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Funding

If additional funding is needed to complete a specific project, please tell us your views on funding projects from the options below:

	Strongly Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Neutral	Slightly Support	Strongly Support	No Opinion
Project specific Debt Exclusion (borrowing)						
Project specific Community Preservation Funds						
Project specific over-ride						
Project specific matching grants						
No additional funding under any circumstance						
Other funding options? _____						

Comments: _____

Do you feel Mendon should have a dual Residential / Commercial tax rate (Circle one)?

YES NO NO OPINION

The following questions are meant to provide the town with demographic information. They are optional.

- How long have you live in Mendon? 1-5 Years ___ 6-10 Years ___ 11-25 Years ___ 25+ Years ___
- What is your age range? 18 - 40 ___ 41 - 60 ___ 65+ ___
- Do you have school age children? Yes ___ No ___
- If yes, are they in the Mendon school system? Yes ___ No ___

Additional comments can be written on the next page.

