

Mendon Master Plan Committee

20 Main Street

Mendon, MA 01756

**5-27-14 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Mark Mortimer, Shirley Smith, Kathy Schofield, Sharon Cutler

Guests: Rich Schofield

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:10. Minutes from 4/16 & 5/13 were reviewed. Motion made by Kathy and seconded by Shirley to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with unanimous approval of the committee.

The committee reviewed the survey and members had a few grammar corrections. The changes are incorporated in the attached survey. Motion made by Sharon and seconded by Kathy to accept the changes incorporated in the attached document. The motion was passed with unanimous approval.

**Action Item:** Bill Ambrosino must approve the cost for mailing. Ust be sent out by Friday, 6/16/14.

Next meeting is scheduled for 6/14/14.

Motion made by Kathy and seconded by Sharon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

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	Moderately Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Mildly Support	Moderately Support	Strongly Support
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	Moderately Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Mildly Support	Moderately Support	Strongly Support
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.

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Should Mendon...	Strongly Oppose	Moderately Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Mildly Support	Moderately Support	Strongly Support
Create by-laws that preserve the village center						
Create by-laws that promote traditional New England styles for new construction?						
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	Moderately Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Mildly Support	Moderately Support	Strongly Support
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	Moderately Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Mildly Support	Moderately Support	Strongly Support
Fund upgrades to its roads to a better condition?						
Fund improvements to 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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	Moderately Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Mildly Support	Moderately Support	Strongly Support
Improve town services?						
If so, which? _____						
Increase Senior Center facilities & services?						
Build or purchase a community center building for all ages?						
- If so, where? _____						
Acquire / develop a public cemetery?						
Other needs? _____						

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Priorities**

Please list your top three priorities that the town should address over the next 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	Moderately Oppose	Mildly Oppose	Mildly Support	Moderately Support	Strongly Support
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

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