Agenda

Update from steering committee members about progress of their committees

Participants

Dave, Phil, David, Amanda, Carol, Chris. Meeting was held via Google Meet 7:30-8:30am.

Dave-Riverwalk

 Priority-committee feels that the lot next to Livery is critical=get town to comment on it

Phil-Economic Development

- Subcommittees working on events, underutilized lots, signage, business viability
- Focusing on how to make it viable for businesses to open year round and also how to attract people to the harbor
- Subcommittees presented Feb 13 on progress-good ideas and brainstorming
- Lots of connection points with other committees (e.g., signage)
- Goal is to present to the town on July 1 so that have time to get recommendations on ballot in March 26

David-Zoning

- Good alignment with goals-Riverway and Zoning (prioritizing protecting town)
- Deed restrictions Riverway enough to get us where we want to go?
- Define overlay district-sub committee on defining coverage area for overlay (delineating rules and guidelines)
- Thinking to meet with Zoning Board to give progress reports

Chris-Harbor Reconfiguration

- Focusing on Gazebo parcel and parking next to docks and green space in front of beach area
 - Looked hard at Charette redesign->not a solution
 - Like the concept of pushing green space down towards parking lot (where cruise boats are)
 - Lose parking, but add parking at rear of Gazebo parking
 - Could move Gazebo down? Build a new Gazebo
- Town talking about expansion of existing docks-design will be done in next 3 or 4 months about expansion
 - o Kyle Davis-code enforcement officer-came and talked to committee
 - o Kyle seems positive that will be approvable by the state
 - o Feel like need that piece of the puzzle before talking about other parcels
 - Dock expansion would go out
 - Not sure what beach does-not serving any purpose
 - Could this be area that could add docks to get more people into harbor
 - Will be looking for input

Amanda-Housing

- Thinking about public/private partnerships for housing
- David Andrews-Density was turned down at the last vote=examples of mixed use solutions, help people get a more informed decision
- Chris M-The incentives that can be gained by qualifying for staff housing-but not meaningful enough to incentivize anyone
 - o If town wants to play a part, then need to be true incentives to do it
- House on Maple Street-math doesn't work for price they want
 - But if changed incentives, would that help?
 - Georges Mills, zoning
- Deb P increasing # of apartments above Fenton's landing

- would be important to put something on the ballot to ask town to start a fund for housing
- Carol Ballot process easy-pentioned warrant article=20 people sign, deliberative session, goes on ballot (doesn't need to be approved by select board
 - Each committee has to present recommendations to planning and zoning to see if they want to carry it forward
 - Size of signs contemplated in ordinances, not a warrant article

Carol-Route 11 Committee

- Will be long drawn out process to make changes, especially the roundabout will take 10 years
- Short term-putting trees along Rt 11 and possibly sidewalk
- looking at stop sign at intersection of upper and lower main (4 way stop)
- Working with DOT to see what is permissible (right of way 132 ft wide)
 - Trying to gain access to periphery (last 10 feet on either side) to make it look like coming into town and include sidewalks

Steering Committee Members agreed that there were obvious connection points between the various committees and that it would be helpful to have all committee members meet in April before sharing progress with the town in May and an eye on a final presentation in July.

- April-all committee members get together to report on progress and look for connection points
- May-all town meeting progress reports
- June-refine recommendations based on feedback from town
- July-presentation to town of where we are and where we're headed

Next steps

- 1. Dave to send Phil signage sub-committee members so that can introduce (done)
- 2. Need to pick a date in April & May and get it out early (in progress)
- 3. Phil to send out notes to my committee (done)
- 4. Amanda to send out Doodle poll to find dates that work for everyone (done)