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### **Acton 2020 Advisory Groups**

The Advisory Groups for the Acton 2020 Committee will be organized by specialty areas that correspond to the six goals articulated in the visioning phase of the master planning process:

- Preserve town character
- Increase awareness regarding the need to plan for sustainability
- Improve connections
- Provide more opportunities for community gathering
- Support inclusion and diversity
- Preserve and enhance town assets

These advisory groups will meet periodically during the master planning process to advise the Acton 2020 committee on issues regarding its assigned specialty area. Specifically, each group will hold an initial meeting to confer on the specialty area assigned and determine the most important issues the town should consider, based on their expertise as well as on the work completed during the visioning phase. Then, during the formal prioritization phase of the planning process (Fall 2010), each advisory group will give input as to their perspective on how to weigh stated town priorities with respect to their given specialty area. Finally, as the master plan document emerges, advisory groups will have the responsibility of reviewing their respective sections of the plan and advising the Acton 2020 committee on the content. In addition to being involved at these specific juncture points, we envision the advisory groups to be active and contributing constituents of the master planning process throughout the crafting of the plan.

Each advisory group will be comprised of community experts in the assigned specialty areas as well as any Acton citizen who has an interest in participating. Each advisory group will also have an Acton 2020 committee liaison assigned to it.