

Long Term Planning Subjects

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Notes from MA Ashton

1. 10-year Capital Plan

Note: There will be a five-year capital plan as part of the municipal budget book this year.

2. 10-year Housing Projection

- how many new units per year? how many 40B housing units?
- how many condos replacing single residences?

3. 10-year Population Growth Projection

- are seniors moving out? - are families with kids moving in?
- how many families with kids have replaced seniors in last 5 years?

Note: Housing and population projections are currently available through MAPC (mapc.org) and through Donahue Associates (<http://www.massbenchmarks.org/statedata/data.htm>), and will be updated and extended as part of the Census 2010 effort.

4. Build out limit policy

- potential liability from undeveloped land for new services
- 10-year Water Plan: how will Acton support new population?

5. 10-year School Plan

- enrollment projection
- will population projection require new facilities and staff?

Schools develop a new 10-year enrollment projection each year.

6. 10-year Town Services plan

- Personnel reporting monthly. - Does Acton need a new fire station?
- Does Acton need three? Can technology and Regionalization reduce costs?
- Traffic capacity and how much is left for new growth?

7. EDC plan to increase business?

8. Acton ten year data base of information for comparables to other towns, to include demographics, taxes, spending, services and other management information.

MA Ashton is working on updating comparables analysis, and it will include a ten-year history.

9. 10-year Financial Plan

- taxes, spending. - pension liabilities, health care costs, vacation liability

10. Trash Plan – recycling, other?

11. Open Space and Property Preservation Plan

- Land clearing limits

12. Governance – keep Town Meeting?