

ACTON 2020 UPDATE

Acton 2020: The Comprehensive Community Plan will be the primary planning document for the Town of Acton, setting our Town's course for the next ten to fifteen years. This planning process is required by the State of Massachusetts, and gives the residents of the Town of Acton an excellent chance to engage with each other in understanding where we as a town want to see ourselves in the upcoming decades.

The name "**Acton 2020**" represents both the clear "2020" vision we are going to need to see where we want to go and how to get there, and the decade of the 2020s where this planning effort is aimed.

In this next phase of building the Comprehensive Community Plan, the Acton 2020 Committee will work with citizens, staff and consultants to:

- Review and refine the emerging vision and core values of the Phase I Outreach process.
- Gather data and facts for the existing conditions inventory and analysis report including progress made since the 1998 Master Plan Update and other previous plans.
- Run a public process to develop a plan for the future of Acton covering each of the major planning areas outlined in MGL Chapter 41, Section 81 D, which are: **Land Use, Housing & Population, Economic Development, Historic & Cultural Resources, Open Space & Recreation, Natural Resources, Community Facilities & Services, Circulation & Transportation. We have also added Sustainability.**

After completing the above steps, the Acton 2020 Committee will develop a Comprehensive Community Plan document upon which the goals and objectives will be voted at Town Meeting. These goals will be supported by detailed and prioritized strategies and action recommendations. The Committee will oversee implementation of the goals, objectives, strategies and actions.

Acton 2020 Past:

- **Spring 2009:** Phase One ("Visioning Phase") completed, which produced set of 6 emerging goals and corresponding objectives
- **June Spring 2010:** Formulated Acton 2020 Committee
- **August 2010:** Planners Collaborative (consultants) began work on Existing Conditions Inventory & Inventory
- **October 2010:** Held first public workshop. Presented summary of Inventory & Analysis completed by that point on refining revising goals & , presentation of findings from inventory so far
- **December 2010:** First draft of final inventory as well as revised goals and objectives

Acton 2020 Future:

- **December 2010-January 2011:** Meet with key committee to solicit input
- **January 2011:** Finalized inventory and next draft of revised goals and objectives will be posted online for public feedback
- **Early March 2011:** "Burning Topic" Discussions (March 3rd, March 9th, March 12th)
- **Mid-late May 2011:** Third Public Meeting: Preliminary Recommendation/Scenario Analysis
- **September or October 2011:** Fourth Public Meeting—Implementation Plan
- **November 2011 or January 2012:** Fifth Public Meeting—Final Plan/Final Input
- **April 2012:** Town Meeting vote on plan

Role of Planning Board

- We need your active participation as members of the Planning Board: Tonight's meeting, topic discussions, public meetings, online feedback
- We would love to have you spend some time examining the current zoning map and finding places where changes might be made, as well as thinking through in general zoning by-laws that need to be changed
- As the implementation plan begins to be created, we will need your overall feedback as well as on specific issues that affect zoning

Committee questions:

- What are you working on – main projects?
- What are your 3 main goals?
- What do you see as challenges and opportunities coming up in the future?
- What long-range plans are you working on or contemplating working on?
- Do you have any long-range planning documents you can give us for input? If not, could you draw some up?