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I will be there for the start, but will duck out at some point to catch some of the Sidewalk meeting.

One bit of feedback on the executive summary is that I think we need to be more blunt about the financial aspect (this is too rosy for me). And stressing the free and low-cost items.

"The solution to this challenge is to phase the major actions as finances permit. This can include some open space acquisition and investment in pedestrian and bicycle facilities each year as can be afforded, continuing to fund the MinuteVan at current levels until expansion becomes possible, phasing improvements to support desired redevelopment in Kelley's Corner as the market revives, and planning for a new senior/community center but putting off design and construction.

"In the mean time, Town fiscal capacity can be improved by promoting economic development, seeking special purpose state funding and grants, and continuing to explore public-private partnerships for specific projects and cooperation with surrounding towns to provide services efficiently. The recommendation to reduce energy use in Town buildings and promote townwide energy conservation with the help of a ½-time Sustainability Coordinator will pay for itself and also help to save money for residents and businesses."

John