

Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC)
Old Library Former Children's Room
December 19, 2011

Members Present: Lucy Wallace, Joe Hutchinson, Michelle Catalina, Ron Ostberg, Jim Breslauer, Tim Clark (10 am)

Liaisons Present: Susan Mary Redinger (School Committee)

Consultant's Present: Sue Brown, Toby Wolf and Juliet Walker (9:30 am)

Chairman Hutchinson opened the meeting at 9:05am.

Introduction by Sue Brown, Brown-Walker Consultants. The committee had expressed concern that we are spending too much time on a vision that has not changed. The MPSC wants to focus on the problems we are facing as a town and choices we need to make. Sue reminded the committee that Massachusetts law says you have to check in with all of your constituents and make sure your vision is the same. The active part of this process comes in the implementation phase and this brings in the town's capacity and willingness to do something.

The Alternatives

The consultants presented a rough draft of five boards showing the Town Center, Devens, Conservation, Commercial District and Housing. The members commented on each board. It was decided to add demographics to Housing. These boards will be used by the working groups to comment on and flush out the problems or key tipping points for decision making for each area. The consultants are taking back the boards to work on them. The consultants asked for help in getting access to photographs to help present each of the five areas. Wallace suggested the consultants contact the Harvard Historical Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 12pm.

Signed: _____
Michelle Catalina