

TOWN OF STOW  
LOWER VILLAGE REVITALIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes of the February 21, 2019 Lower Village Revitalization Subcommittee Meeting

Members Present: Megan Birch-McMichael, Tom Farnsworth, Jennifer Gero, James Salvie

Absent: Jonathan Bransfield

Megan Birch-McMichael called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Public Input**

None.

**Lower Village Recommendations**

The Lower Village Revitalization Subcommittee reviewed a draft visioning document, intended to be provided to the Planning Board as a summary of the subcommittee's recommendations for Lower Village zoning. The document pulls together findings from the Business District Assessment and Market Analysis, as well as past studies such as the Visual Preference Survey. The committee reviewed the purpose of the document and the level of public input that went into each of the studies referenced.

The Committee discussed when to include business and property owners in the process of rezoning and exploring a public water supply. Megan Birch-McMichael acknowledged that the intention is to bring the final report and recommendations to the Planning Board to later gather public input.

The Committee discussed their vision of Lower Village, noting elements of other village centers such as parking lots sited behind buildings, buildings located closer to the street, sidewalks, and open space. The Committee discussed mixed-use zoning and affordable housing. The Committee reviewed and agreed upon a vision statement.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Oorthuys