

TOWN OF STOW
LOWER VILLAGE REVITALIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Lower Village Revitalization Subcommittee Meeting

Members Present: Megan Birch-McMichael, Jonathan Bransfield, Tom Farnsworth, Jen Gero, Jim Salvie

Public Input

None.

Member Updates

None.

Lower Village Recommendations

The Committee reviewed a revised draft of their Final Report. The Committee agreed upon language for a vision statement for the Lower Village Business District. Much of the discussion centered on potential recommendations to include in the report, focusing primarily on how to advance efforts to create a public water supply. It was agreed that the approach to public water may impact additional changes to the district, including zoning updates.

The Committee agreed to include a recommendation to update the zoning bylaw for Lower Village. Changes to the zoning bylaw would encourage New England village design concepts, to better incorporate open space and civic uses, and develop a pedestrian-oriented district.

The Committee agreed the final report should include a recommendation to increase connectivity between the business district and nearby resources. This recommendation could include the need for wayfinding signage. The Committee provided input on a map of open space, recreation, and agriculture opportunities around Lower Village to further illustrate the need for connectivity.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Oorthuys