

Local Comprehensive Plan Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2023 Harwich Town Hall

1. Call to order. We will have a roll call for votes since member Pete Gori is virtual.
2. New Business
 - A. Review and approve minutes. Minutes were approved with a motion by Ed and a second by David. Joyce-aye, Bernadette-aye, Jim-aye, Brian-aye, Pete-aye, Margo-aye, Barbara -aye, David- aye, Ed- aye.
 - B. New town planner to start November 13–Christine Flynn. Formerly planner for Martha’s Vineyard.
 - C. Follow up on Harwich Cranberry Festival 10/21 and 10/22. Good conversations with lots of people. Very interested in pop up cards. We’ve received 298 responses so far.
 - D. Harwich Community Organization—debrief by Margo and Barbara. Met with the group on October 30, 2023. Two of the biggest concerns the group has are over development and clear cutting of land. Also concern of large developments going in before having to connect to WWTP.

We still have to move forward with visioning with our other groups in town. David—we need to explore strategies moving forward for consistency. Pete also said that we need to include developers at the table. Pete and Ed will meet with Eastward and Davenport. Pete and Barbara—harbors/fishermen, Barbara- historic and Cape Verdean.
 - E. Interview guide. Brian—discussion items for everyone, handout of big themes. Jim—seniors-inclusive of all facets of seniors—<75 and 75-105. Timeline—we need to get this done but the end of the year. Are there other methods for visioning? Barbara—need to include building commissioner with the historic discussion.
 - F. 298 responses to pop up cards—how do we share data with everyone?on our website, paper copies at town hall.
 - G. Timeline for LCP itself. Update from Sharon Rooney. Open space group met last week. The housing production plan has a draft needs assessment. November 2024–housing plan is due for special town meeting. We’re on target with draft needs assessment and open space documents. We need to schedule a workshop in January/February timeframe. Karen will be at our February meeting to discuss housing. Sharon will have a draft housing plan in September for review.
 - H. In depth survey—open space plan is in draft form. We need LCP draft by the end of November.
 - I. Data Validation. There are 14 goals in the regional plan —our LCP needs to feed into the regional plan. Distribution of survey—same as pop up cards/survey.
3. Adjourn
 - motion to adjourn by Margo with a 2nd by Ed. Roll call was taken—ayes from everyone.