



HARWICH CENTER INITIATIVE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018 AT 5:30 PM

GRIFFIN ROOM, HARWICH TOWN HALL, 732 MAIN STREET

To: The Citizens and Land Owners of Harwich Center

The Town of Harwich recently established a committee of predominantly Harwich Center residents. This Committee was tasked with considering and making recommendations aimed at restoring the economic, aesthetic and historic vibrancy to Harwich Center.

One of the important and early steps is to listen and learn from the experiences of the citizens most directly involved, the “stakeholders”.

This personal invitation has been sent to you because you are one of those key persons who currently live, work and/or own property or business in the Center. From your daily experience, you know the village’s good and bad, its attributes, issues and concerns.

To obtain this important guidance and input, the Committee has scheduled an initial public meeting. We respectfully request your involvement. We are looking for verbal testimony , however, written comments are most welcome as well. Please tell us what is working and what does not work from your perspective? Where do things come up short? What steps might be taken to address your concerns? If you could magically cause one or two things to happen, what would those things be?

Please plan to attend and bring your comments.

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Develop and advocate specific, well thought-out recommendations for effective action legislative, regulatory, and administrative to promote the historic, multi-use character of Harwich Center, to regain the Center's active "village" atmosphere and charm, and to stimulate, nurture, and support the investment and economic activity needed to accomplish those goals.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FROM PAST PLANS & REPORTS UNDERTAKEN FOR HARWICH CENTER

SHORTER TERM:

- Implement Sidewalk and Bike Way Improvements
- Implement Street Improvements, Crosswalks, "Traffic Calming" measures
- Right-of-way taking of connecting link between Parallel and Main Streets
- Extend "On-street" parking Easterly on Main Street
- Consider locations for possible Easements for Parking and Wastewater Treatment

MEDIUM TERM:

- Introduce "Form Based Zoning" to Promote Sense of Place and Character
- Develop/Implement Plans for Public Parking and Wastewater Treatment Improvements
- Explore Street Circulation Changes
- Support Harwich Center Cultural District (place making activity, historic walking tours, etc.)

LONGER TERM:

- Implement Traffic Circulation and Roadway Improvements
- Develop Plan for Financing Placement of Utility Lines Underground