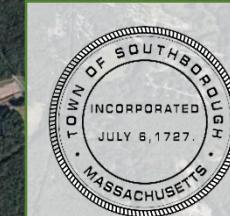


# **Town of Southborough VISIONING OPEN HOUSE Public Input**

**November 7, 2019**



# Protection of Open Space/Green Initiatives



- ▶ Allocate resources to start posting and enforcement of dog policies
- ▶ Keep trails free of dog poop
- ▶ No balloons!
- ▶ Walking trail around golf course
- ▶ Restart the recycling committee
- ▶ Control poison ivy along roadways – more cutting!
- ▶ Connected trails
- ▶ Kayaking on reservoirs
- ▶ Paved walking track around Mooney Field (about 4 mile including sidewalks)
- ▶ Repair, upgrade existing sidewalks – roads are hazardous for walkers
- ▶ What is difference between 4 conservation priorities – lowest to highest (on open space map)
- ▶ More beautiful native plants
- ▶ Clean up dump at Breakneck!
- ▶ Off-road biking!
- ▶ Better management of town open space
- ▶ Connected trails
- ▶ Removal of invasives
- ▶ Enforcement of conservation restrictions
- ▶ Allow dogs and bikes on all trails



# Accessibility and Connectivity



- ▶ Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks ✓✓✓✓✓
- ▶ Connect schools (Neary, Woodward, Trottier, St. Marks) and neighborhoods (Ledge Hill) to downtown with sidewalks and bike paths
- ▶ Connect medical center (Newton Street) and senior center to downtown with sidewalks
- ▶ Last mile transportation from T-station to industrial/office parks
- ▶ Sidewalks on Parkerville south side
- ▶ Bike lanes!
- ▶ Repair existing sidewalks, add additional walkways
- ▶ Sidewalks, bikeways over reservoirs
- ▶ Connect center village with Southborough Center shopping plaza – sidewalks on 85
- ▶ Public transport from T-station to business parks
- ▶ Sidewalks across causeways & route 9
- ▶ Parking areas on Reservoir Trail
- ▶ Walking trails so adults can exercise
  - ▶ Ditto around Mooney field
- ▶ Small bus for senior center to transport residents who no longer drive to functions, voting, medical, shopping
- ▶ Bike infrastructure is lacking! It could be a great place bike and attract customers to local businesses
- ▶ Is the train station in the right place given environmental concerns, i.e. Sudbury River? It attracts many riders from as far away as Grafton, many from Westboro, etc. Should it be closer to Westborough? (more inconvenient for me though)
- ▶ Look into having a shuttle bus to the train or maybe getting together with Marlboro to have their shuttle stop at 85/30 intersection
- ▶ Commuter rail is not public transit
- ▶ Real public transit needed for all
- ▶ Rail trail – Fayville downtown



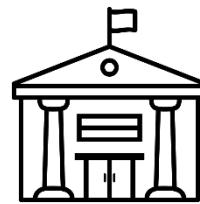
# Housing



- ▶ Diversity in housing in the right neighborhoods. Apartments/town-houses
- ▶ Ray Hokinson (sp?) – 10 Main Street
  - ▶ “In previous Master Plan feedback, Town Center residents used the term diverse housing in the “English definition,” meaning varied, which is what we have. Different houses, different size lots, and historic. Not the modern planning development definition of diverse. Diverse in the Town Center is what we already have! Not multifamily and overlay districts.”
- ▶ Housing options needed for seniors, young starters, singles, etc., etc.
- ▶ Multi-family and duplexes
- ▶ Affordable not subsidized senior housing. Widow forced to remain in five bedroom house.
- ▶ Single family homes.
- ▶ Love the way the Town looks. Keep Southborough beautiful.
- ▶ Mixed use housing
- ▶ Options for residents to “age in place.”
- ▶ See Housing Production Plan
- ▶ More density allowed. Not all will desire it but new should have options. Neighborhood diversity.
- ▶ Look at town land properties to renovate house low income.
- ▶ Teachers and municipal employees should be able to afford to live here! More mid-level options.
- ▶ Yes! More senior housing near or on Newton Street.
- ▶ Smaller single family. We don’t need 5 acre lots for McMansions
  - ▶ Yes! ✓
- ▶ Halfway housing; temporarily displaced



# Sense of Community



- ▶ Vibrant town center
- ▶ Town “common” or place to organize community events
- ▶ Multi-generational events/meeting places
- ▶ Value our historic assets
- ▶ Park Street extension connects to a large neighborhood (McNeil...\_ using this extension expands the Town Center ease of access
- ▶ Bring business to downtown to keep the “locals” local
- ▶ Acquire land behind pizza place for wastewater treatment/parking/open space
- ▶ Finish the National Register Historic District
- ▶ Build on our strengths. Don’t try to be “just like” other towns.
- ▶ Intergenerational community center - fully functioning, multiuse, comprehensive
- ▶ Revitalize the historic Downtown.
- ▶ Update the DBVD zoning
- ▶ UNESCO eligibility
- ▶ Recruit historical architect (volunteer)
- ▶ Continued Improvements to golf course
- ▶ A good pub in Downtown Southborough
- ▶ Sports center
- ▶ Open school gym’s for use of basketball courts



# Commercial Diversity, Public Services



- ▶ Transfer station – redesign traffic flow or eliminate doubling around the stop at recycling and swap shop
  - ▶ Control children under 12 in swap shop
- ▶ Actively attract businesses to commercially zoned areas

# Share your Big Ideas!

- ▶ Hot air balloons
- ▶ Make Southborough a real village with a vibrant downtown with small scale/local restaurants and businesses. Create a place for the community to come together (young and old). Create a walkable village center connected to schools, etc.
- ▶ More tree and open space maintenance
- ▶ Especially where dead trees hang out over wires/roads
- ▶ Where is our cultural center?
- ▶ Apply for grants!
- ▶ Larger outdoor stage for summer concerts where the people can sit in the shade.
- ▶ Downtown needs beautification and a nice coffee shop!
- ▶ More open space.
- ▶ Connect our awesome trails to the Bay Circuit Trail.
- ▶ Install electric car charging stations around town.
- ▶ (Town does not have to pay \$. Work with local utility to fund project!)
- ▶ Complete sidewalks from library to Cordaville on Route 85.
- ▶ Finish sidewalk on Route 9 from White's Corner to Westborough!
- ▶ Pedestrian overpasses for Route 9 and more sidewalks.
- ▶ More sidewalks – and repaired sidewalks. The roads are not the safest places for walking. Also the crowning of roads throws off the body as one side is always lower. Body alignment is a problem for regular walkers and runners.

