

1. Agenda

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Town of Southborough, MA

Meeting of the Master Plan Committee

April 6, 2022 7:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

May be watched or may participate in the meeting remotely with the meeting link at:
<https://www.southboroughtown.com/remotemeetings>.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, signed into law on June 16, 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation. No in person attendance by members of the public will be permitted.

CALL TO ORDER:

DISCUSS CHAPTER REVIEW HOMEWORK FROM LAST MEETING

- Housing
- Public Service and Schools
- Other final edits

IMPLEMENTATION FEEDBACK

PICTURES RECEIVED FROM CONTEST

- Adding to Master Plan

NEXT STEPS

HOMEWORK FOR NEXT MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Other Business Properly Before the Board

- Approval of Minutes 3.9.22
- Set date for Next Meeting

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Meme Luttrell, Chair

Summary of Goals & Recommendations by Chapter & Objective

Chapter	# Objectives	# Goals	# Recommendations
1. Vision, Goals & Planning Process	Includes summary of objectives & goals		
2. Land Use & Zoning	1	4	14
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4. Economic Development	1	3	25
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Total	10	38	192

Background & Next Steps

- This document provides a comprehensive listing of the objectives, goals and recommendations in the 2021 Master Plan, organized by chapter.
 - The final Master Plan document will also include an alternative version of this data, organized by responsible group (i.e., Board, Commission, Town Department).
- The next step is for each MDP representative to review the goals and/or recommendations assigned to their Board, Commission or Committee.
 - This data has been cross checked with the Chapter versions indicated by () in this document. The latest version of each chapter can be found [here](#)
 - If changes are made, please be sure to use the “tracking” feature in Word so we can manage version control!
- Hopefully, the “**Description**” of the goals and recommendations has already been reviewed with each of your groups so there should be minimal changes. However, this is a good time to make any final changes.
 - Note that any changes to goals/recommendations will have to be reviewed again with the MDP Committee at the April 6th meeting.
 - Please also highlight any recommendations that are now complete
- If your group believes “**Responsibility**” for a goal/recommendation should rest with another Board, Commission or Department this should also be noted, with “tracking on”.
 - If there is a goal(s)/recommendation(s) assigned to another Board, Commission or Department that you believe is better for your group to work on, please make a note
- The columns on “**Estimated Timeframe**” and “**Potential Funding Source**” should be completed for the items assigned your group. Refer to the definitions on the next page
 - It is recognized that many recommendations will require some initial research, planning etc., before more definitive entries can be provided but it is important to have some sense of relative timeframes and investment needs so the responses should be on a “best attempt” basis.

- Where there are likely to be multiple projects for a specific recommendation, you should use a longer timeline - the 2-5 or 5-10 years - this will best manage the reader's expectations i.e. these are not "quick fixes".
 - Once the Master Plan is approved, the responsible group should expect to create one or more detailed project/action plans with the more granular timelines
6. Updated documents should be returned to **Judith Watson by Friday, April 1st, 2022.**

Implementation Plan Legend

Primary Responsibility

Board-Committee-Department	Abbreviation
Capital Planning Committee	CAPC
Conservation Commission	CC
Department of Public Works	DPW
Economic Development Committee	EDC
Emergency Planning Committee	EPC
Historical Commission	HC
Open Space Preservation Commission	OSPC
Pedestrian & Bicycling Committee ~	PBC
Planning Board	PB
Public Works Planning Board	PWPB
Recreation Commission	REC
School Committee	SC
Select Board	SB
Stewardship Committee	SWC
Municipal Technology Committee	MTC
Southborough Housing Opportunity Partnership Committee	SHOPC
Southborough Public Access Committee	SPAC
Southborough Trails Committee	STC

~ to be created through the Master Plan

Estimated Timeframe

Timeframe from Master Plan Approval	Abbreviation	Notes
Completed in 1-2 years	Short Term	The timeframe should reflect when the project is expected to be completed, measured from June 2022 (the expected date of approval of the Master Plan). It does not reflect the duration of the project since this may not be known at this stage. For example, a project may only take 12 months to complete but the start could be delayed by 2 years due to budget constraints so would be regarded as a Medium-Term project
Completed in 2-5 years	Medium Term	
Completed in 5-10 years	Long Term	

Potential Funding Source

Funding Source	Abbreviation	Notes
Capital investment or operating expenses approved through the Town's annual budgeting process.	Town	The source of funding will likely be finalized determined during the planning phase of a project.
Funding through Southborough's Community Preservation Act	CPA	The funding source included in the Implementation Plan is based on the known scope of the project when the Master Plan was approved. It may change as the project progresses.
Private or Not For Profit funding from outside the Town	External	
Funding through Federal or State grants and programs e.g., ARPA	Government	

2. Land Use & Zoning (Chapter 2 v4.3)

The Land Use & Zoning recommendations are shown alongside the related recommendations in other chapters

Objective: Align planning and zoning regulations with the vision and objectives of the master plan		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
LU-1.0	Enhance connectivity within town to improve travel for all modes of transportation (vehicular, public, pedestrian, bicycle) to better connect people and places	SB		
#	Recommendations			
LU-1.1	Develop a plan to connect all parts of town with pedestrian/cycle/trail access	PBC		
LU-1.2	Construct or repair a sidewalk network throughout town, create bike trails and lanes and connect sidewalks to trail network	PB		
LU-1.3	Create community gathering spaces: build a multi-use community center and create community green space	SB		
#	Goal			
LU-2.0	Create strategies to offer more diversity in housing, encouraging alternatives to large single-family houses that would allow young professionals/families to reside in Southborough and seniors to stay in town	PB		
#	Recommendations			
LU-2.1	Amend Multifamily Housing for the elderly section of the zoning bylaw and add an affordability requirement	PB		
LU-2.2	Allow duplexes by special permit	PB		
LU-2.3	Amend the zoning bylaw to allow mixed use buildings and multifamily housing in the Downtown District	PB		
LU-2.4	Amend the zoning bylaw to allow accessory apartments by right	PB		
LU-2.5	Create design guidelines for use by proponents submitting proposals for the Downtown District	PB		
LU-2.6	Explore the opportunity to amend the zoning bylaw to allow mixed use buildings on Route 9	PB		
#	Goal			
LU-3.0	Strengthen the sustainability of local businesses, commercial districts and villages by attract businesses to come to Southborough and stay	PB		
#	Recommendations			
LU-3.1	the zoning code to allow for 4 story buildings on Route 9	PB		
#	Goal			
LU-4.0	Establish strategies for energy conservation, carbon footprint reduction and climate change resiliency	SB		
#	Recommendations			
LU-4.1	Review the Stormwater and Erosion Bylaw and determine if an update is advisable	CC		
LU-4.2	Amend the Site Plan Approval bylaw to require the installation of electric vehicle charging stations	PB		
LU-4.3	Create a Tree Canopy Protection bylaw	PB		
LU-4.4	Create and implement a native tree planting program	OSPC		

3. Housing (Chapter 3 v6.0)

Objective: Improve the diversity of housing within the town		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
H-1.0	Enhance local capacity to advocate for, plan, develop and manage affordable housing	SHOPC		
#	Recommendations			
H-1.1	Strengthen and expand partnerships within the town and state to develop housing	SHOPC		
H-1.2	Secure and coordinate use of funding for affordable housing from the state and other grants, CPA funds etc.	SHOPC		
H-1.3	Develop a 5-year strategic plan for the expenditure of Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) funds; research additional state and federal grants	SHOPC		
H-1.4	Identify opportunities to improve housing diversity around mass transit hubs	SHOPC		
#	Goal			
H-2.0	Identify sites for creation of diverse housing through new development, redevelopment, or preservation	SHOPC		
#	Recommendations			
H-2.1	Locate potential sites to create diverse housing including townhouses, apartments, and small-scale homes	SHOPC		
H-2.2	Engage potential developers who would be interested in the creation of different types of affordable and market rate housing	SHOPC		
H-2.3	Inventory the number of units that is deemed moderate affordable (80% to 110% AMI).	SHOPC		
#	Goal			
H-3.0	Update zoning to create opportunities for development of affordable housing and to encourage diverse housing options	PB		
#	Recommendations			
H-3.1 (LU-2.3)	Promote mixed-use buildings to offer housing where appropriate	SHOPC		
H-3.2 (LU-2.1)	Remove barriers for the provision of multifamily housing	PB		
H-3.3 (LU-2.2) (LU-2.4)	Remove zoning barriers for accessory apartments and duplexes	PB		
#	Goal			
H-4.0	Assist Southborough residents to obtain or maintain housing that they can afford	SHOPC		
#	Recommendations			
H-4.1	Expand the utilization of senior tax deferral and work-off programs	SHOPC		
H-4.2	Support first-time homebuyers through a down payment assistance program	SHOPC		
H-4.3	Achieve (at a minimum) 10% affordable housing to obtain 40B (Safe Haven Status)	SHOPC		

4. Economic Development (Chapter 4 v4.4)

Objective: Improve the diversity of commercial activity within the Town		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
ED-1.0	Enhance the Downtown District to provide a vibrant hub that is attractive to both businesses and residents	EDC		
#	Recommendations			
ED-1.1	Define and document changes to the zoning and use regulations for the Downtown District	EDC	Complete	
ED-1.2	Seek consensus for the changes to zoning regulations across the appropriate town boards/commission and gain approval from Town Meeting	PB	Complete	
ED-1.3 (LU-2.5)	Agree upon design guidelines, to be promulgated and implemented by the PB to ensure the appropriate quality of materials, lighting, and other components that determine the look and feel of the Downtown District, can be appropriately reviewed and upheld.	PB	Complete	
ED-1.4	Develop a marketing and communication package to explain the changes to zoning regulations and the new design guidelines to residents and potential developers	EDC		
ED-1.5	Identify potential Downtown District redevelopment sites and take a leadership role in building relationships and working with current owners and potential developers on the purchase, leasing or conversion into approved mixed-use projects consistent with the Downtown District. This would include the National Grid parcel 54-40	EDC		
ED-1.6 (LU-1.3)	Evaluate the options for creating a “community green space” within the Downtown District	EDC		
ED-1.7	Take the findings from the wastewater management feasibility study and find ways to solve for wastewater issues, including development of localized wastewater treatment plants, leveraging current technology where feasible. Monitor technological developments to enable more effective, large scale wastewater treatment in the future. Seek out grant funding opportunities to support wastewater management	SB		
ED-1.8	Gain approval from CSX to allow the Town to replace the pipes under the tracks on Main Street to resolve the Stormwater issues in the Downtown area	SB		
ED-1.9 (LU-1.1)	Study and improve connectivity and access to downtown for pedestrians (sidewalks and trails) and cyclists, working with the Trails Committee as appropriate. Seek funding opportunities for bike racks, outdoor seating and park areas.	SB		

ED-1.10	Encourage preservation, and, where appropriate, re-purposing of historical buildings and ensure that (DPW) plans for the Downtown District align with beautification and historic priorities	HC		
ED-1.11	Work with Southborough Housing Opportunity Partnership Committee (SHOPC) to determine whether mixed use development within the Downtown District can support affordable housing needs and goals.	EDC		

Objective: Improve the diversity of commercial activity within the Town (continued)		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
ED-2.0	Encourage the sense of community within Southborough's Villages by supporting the expansion of local businesses through better infrastructure and access	EDC		
#	Recommendations			
		EDC		
ED-2.2	Define, plan and implement improvements to the sidewalk network for Fayville, Cordaville and Southville	PB		
ED-2.3	Increase parking in the Fayville Village District (e.g., by reconfiguring playground parking)	PB		
ED-2.4 (LU-1.1)	Connect the rail station to office and commercial areas in Town via improved sidewalks, shuttle bus services, cycle lanes.	PB		
ED-2.5	Develop approach/plan to enhance retail convenience around train station	EDC		
#	Goal			
ED-3.0	Have an economically strong, diverse, and self-sustaining business community i.e., an economic engine along the Route 9 corridor.	EDC		
#	Recommendations			
ED-3.1	Increase use-intensity for currently underutilized property parcels	PB		
ED-3.2	Increase commercial tax revenue by reducing office space vacancies and encouraging development on targeted, high-potential sites (such EMC/Dell)	EDC		
ED-3.3	Improve commercial marketing position by better distinguishing Southborough from surrounding towns (Westborough, Framingham, Northborough, Marlborough, Ashland, Hopkinton)	EDC		
ED-3.4	Stay connected and actively participate in the Route 9, I90, I495 state highway projects	EDC		
ED-3.5 (LU-3.1)	Continue to look for ways to leverage the Route 9 corridor for increased Capital Improvements Program (CIP) tax revenue e.g., changing zoning to allow taller buildings or creating a Tax Increment Funding (TIF) district.	EDC		
ED-3.6 (LU-3.2)	Continue to develop/improve the sidewalk network	PB		
ED-3.7 (LU-2.6)	Explore the opportunity to revise zoning regulations for Route 9 to allow for mixed use development to improve vacancy of underutilized space (especially office space as needs change) and	EDC		

	provide amenities to offices and residents. Collaborate with the PB in evaluating the impact on economic growth			
ED-3.8	Establish a quarterly meeting or “roundtable” forum between local/regional business leaders, the EDC and the PB to discuss infrastructure and business issues, including last-mile transportation to encourage the use of public transit and reduce congestion and environmental impacts.	EDC		
ED-3.9	Evaluate options for resourcing the grant research and application process particularly for large scale projects which would be difficult or expensive for the Town to support on its own, including wastewater, connectivity, and targeted development through TIF and other programs.	EDC		

5. Open Space, Natural Resources & Recreation (Chapter 8 v8.1)

Objective: Protect and maintain open space within Southborough		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
OS-1.0	Develop a collaborative policy/approach for the strategic acquisition /protection of properties	OSPC		
#	Recommendations			
OS-1.1	Identify criteria / define goals for strategic acquisition and protection of open space including recreational and other public use, to maintain diversity of land use within the community	OSPC		
OS-1.2	Educate the community regarding why it is important to acquire high priority properties and the importance of open space/natural resources conservation)	OSPC		
OS-1.3	Deliver a map of open space, including both existing designated lands and potential spaces to be acquired	OSPC		
OS-1.4	Identify key stakeholders who will input as to the strategic acquisition for open space.	OSPC		
OS-1.5	Identify all town owned open space parcels and, as necessary, transfer to the care and control of the Conservation Commission			

#	Goal			
OS-2.0	Expand connectivity of and access to existing open space without compromising public safety, wildlife activity or causing adverse environmental impact	STC		
#	Recommendations			
O-S2.1	Develop a plan/strategy, in collaboration with all stakeholders e.g. land holders, conservation commission, Open Space Preservation Commission (OSPC), Trails Committee etc. to link individual open space areas, considering potential restrictions due to wildlife needs e.g. access corridor	STC		
OS-2.2	Build and maintain trails and parking; examples would include a paved walking track around Mooney Field, walking trail around golf course during appropriate times. Investigate dog walking needs.	STC		
OS-2.3 (LU-1.1)	Continue to establish connections to regional trails, e.g., the Boroughs Loop and Aqueduct Trail and Boston-Worcester Airline trail (BWALT)	STC		
OS-2.4	Increase awareness about passive recreation opportunities on trails open space properties	STC		

OS-2.5	Establish ADA compliant trails and parking, where appropriate	STC		
OS-2.6	Engage and educate the community through guided hikes, nature walks, and programs			
OS-2.7	Establish off road biking on appropriate trails, while protecting the surrounding environment and abiding by Department of Conservation (DCR) permitted use regulations	STC		
OS-2.8	Assess and add signage to indicate which trails are appropriate for dogs	STC		

Objective: Protect and maintain open space within Southborough (continued)		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
OS-3.0	Manage open space resources in collaboration with stakeholders and the community	CC		
#	Recommendations			
OS-3.1	Designate major open space resources to a use, for example conservation or recreation, which will then define the primary stakeholders	CC		
OS-3.2	Involve the community (both residents and businesses) in the management of open space and the maintenance of trails	CC		
OS-3.2b	Create a program for vernal pool certification and Monitoring	CC		
OS-3.2c	Create a process to restrict traffic in known Killing Zones during spring migration (Oregon Road and more)	CC		
OS-3.2d	Develop plan to monitor stream health, culverts name streams cold water fisheries, haz waste leaching	CC		
OS-3.3	Explore options for the disposal of dog waste on open space e.g., providing bags or composting bins	CC		
OS-3.4	Educate the community about the appropriate land uses and guidelines, e.g., the impact of dog waste on trails and dangers balloons to animals on open space.	CC		
OS-3.5	Clean up the dump at Breakneck Hill	CC		
OS-3.6	Regularly assess and take action to prevent encroachment on open space lands (e.g., by dumping brush and grass clippings etc.)	CC		

Objective: Define, develop and implement “green” initiatives that sustain our environment		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
NR-1.0	Ensure the town’s wetland protection and storm water by-laws reflect federal/state regulations and the projected impact of climate change as well as planning for droughts	CC		
#	Recommendations			
NR-1.1 (LU-4.1)	Review all levels of regulation and the latest research for wetland protection and stormwater management permitting and ensure town by-laws are up to date and compliant			
NR-1.2	Document criteria and metrics around storm water management, including snow removal/storage, for now and the future			
NR-1.3	Amend/upgrade local regulations to better meet community needs and educate community on regulations, impact and rationale			
NR-1.4	Implement local regulation changes requiring updated rainfall standards to be used for the hydraulic design of stream crossings and other stormwater related infrastructure, so that climate change is adequately captured in the design conditions			
NR-1.5	Work with Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and Department of Conservation (DCR) to implement stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) along Route 9, particularly at the intersection with Route 85			
NR-1.6	Review flood risk areas and identify stream crossings for upgrades and rehabilitation to help mitigate the risk of flooding			
NR-1.7	Conduct an inventory of town owned facilities that are vulnerable to flooding and identify projects to mitigate flood damage by increasing stormwater storage capacity			
NR-1.8	Pursue additional funding for the implementation of MS4 related tasks, including inventory of storm drains and detention basins, maintenance of stormwater infrastructure, and upgrades to increase storage capacity			
NR-1.9 (LU-4.3)	Create a Tree Canopy Protection bylaw, defining limitations on lot clearance to protect against excessive erosion, the risk of flooding and to prevent heat synchs			
#	Goal			
NR-2.0	Increase the volume and type of recycling by commercial and residential consumers	SB		
#	Recommendations			
NR-2.1	Re-establish the recycling committee	SB		

NR-2.2	Monitor recycling best practices to identify profitable recycling materials and determine if it is cost effective to collect these within the town.	DPW		
NR-2.3	Identify a way to recycle compostable material	DPW		
NR-2.4	Create and/or review and update recycling metrics with targets and annual report outs, including establishing if volume or weight is a more appropriate measure	SB		
NR-2.5	Evaluate the options to reduce the level of single-use plastics (e.g., plastic bags and straws within 10 years)	SB		
NR-2.6	Educate community on the rationale for recycling; examples would include trash pick-up/recycling methods, update signage at the transfer station regularly, clothing / book recycling options	SB		

Objective: Define, develop and implement “green” initiatives that sustain our environment (continued)		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
NR-3.0	Reduce the consumption of non-renewable natural resources by public and private users	SB		
#	Recommendations			
NR-3.1	Offer rain barrels, compost and recycling bins through the Town (cost plus administration fee); develop rain collection systems on town owned property	DPW		
NR-3.2	Reduce Southborough’s town owned facilities use of coal/oil-based by 50% within 10 years	SB		
NR-3.3 (LU-4.2)	Install electric car charging stations around town	DPW		
#	Goal			
NR-4.0	Prioritize and reduce the existence and impact of invasive species and other nuisance species on public and private properties	OSPC		
#	Recommendations			
NR-4.1	Develop education programs that cover definition of terms e.g., native vs non-native, invasive vs non-invasive, local/regional plant and insect life, what to do if you find invasive species	OSPC		
NR-4.2	Create an ongoing assessment of priority invasive species and a strategic plan these species.			
NR-4.3	Develop a plan for the significant reduction/control of invasive species and nuisance species (e.g. poison ivy) across both town/private land, roadways and trails.			
NR-4.4	Join the SuAsCo Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) to work with partner organizations to prevent the spread of invasive species across jurisdictional boundaries of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord River watershed (SuAsCo)			
#	Goal			
NR-5.0	Expand the use of native plants and prioritize awareness and installation of pollination systems across the community	OSPC		
#	Recommendations			
NR-5.1 (LU-4.4)	Work with town facilities and departments to create and manage plans for all town owned properties to be landscaped with native plants vs non-native or cultivars	OSPC		
NR-5.2	Pursue a town bylaw requiring the use of native plants and prohibiting chemicals treatments of lawns and insect spraying	OSPC		

NR-5.3	Develop a policy and associated guidelines/conditions outlining the recommended native planting schemes. Collaborate with the PB and Conservation Commission to have these formally adopted and incorporated into reviews of site plans and permit applications.	OSPC		
NR-5.4	Pursue and maintain town certification as a Wildlife Habitat Community through the National Wildlife Federation	OSPC		

Objective: Enhance Recreation Facilities & Services		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
R-1.0	Improve and maintain quality and safety of all recreational facilities	REC		
#	Recommendations			
R-1.1	Initiate a Facilities Study to replace the 2017 study because many of the recommendations have been or will be met in the coming years; understand the impact of potential new developments including Park Central	REC		
R-1.2	Make continued improvements to golf course as outlined in the improvement provided in the Golf Course Committees report	REC		
R-1.3	Implement a field rotation in line with recommended guidelines to rest fields every 4 -5 years to help maintain field integrity and extend usage prior to major repairs being required	REC		
#	Goal			
R-2.0	Continue to provide high quality recreation programs and activities that meet the needs of residents of diverse ages to build a stronger community	REC		
#	Recommendations			
R-2.1	Continue to explore recreational opportunities and business continuity planning for times where social distancing is required	REC		
R-2.2	Develop a nature based passive recreation program (gardening, bird watching, butterflies)	REC		
#	Goal			
R-3.0	Seek opportunities to expand recreational facilities	REC		
#	Recommendations			
R-3.1	Work with the Select Board (SB) and EDC (EDC) to ensure new residential or commercial development includes funds for recreation facilities and/or open space	REC		
R-3.2 (LU-1.1)	Strive for multi-use trail and sidewalk systems to satisfy the community's walking and biking needs	REC		
R-3.3	Explore possible locations for a dog park as the community lacks free space where dogs can run unleashed	REC		
R-3.4	Install turf at the Choate Fields located at Woodward School expanding the time and availability of field use to the town's community, and to generate revenue from other youth and adult organizations	REC		

R-3.5 (LU-1.3)	Build a multi-use Community Center intended for all interest groups/ages including Recreation and Senior Center use. The location and facility would ideally support a centrally located shared space with meeting and training rooms, a walking track and large multi-sport court, easy access to other key community locations.	REC		
R-3.6	Expand the availability of meeting and training rooms for use by programs and other community-based groups	REC		

Objective: Enhance Recreation Facilities & Services (continued)		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
R-4.0	Maintain strong partnerships with committees and organizations throughout the town	REC		
#	Recommendations			
R-4.1	Seek a spot on the Southborough Public Access Committee to stay informed of changing regulations and seek to keep facilities in compliance while striving to achieve the highest standards	REC		
R-4.2	Maintain positive partnerships with the schools in the district who provide access to their facilities including theatres, classrooms and other facilities; in the event a new school is constructed ensure the access to the same facilities remain (e.g., theatre)	REC		
R-4.3	Partner with the Select Board, Open Space Preservation Commission and Trails Committee on the evaluation of potential property acquisitions for multi-use purposes	REC		
#	Goal			
R-5.0	Maintain strong fiscal controls over recreation expenditure	REC		
#	Recommendations			
R-5.1	Continue to fulfill the Recreation Department's responsibility to maintain the Revolving Fund for programming and the 911 fund to support ongoing maintenance and eventual replacement of the turf field	REC		
R-5.2	Continue to contribute facility user fees to the General Fund to support facility maintenance and support	REC		
R-5.3	Maintain contributions and support to the Trails Committee	REC		

6. Circulation & Transportation (Chapter 6 v10.1)

Objective: Improve accessibility & connectivity across the Town		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
CT-1.0	Develop the infrastructure necessary to support vehicular movement whilst improving safety, reducing pollution and preserving scenic vistas within the Town	SB		
#	Recommendations			
CT-1.1	Identify additional vehicular movement infrastructure necessary over the next 10 years (e.g., relieving existing “choke points” such as causeways, Route 9 intersections with North//South streets). Develop approach/plan for funding and building the infrastructure changes	SB		
CT-1.2	Define the options for encouraging/inciting use of fewer vehicles and/or fewer miles driven per vehicle (e.g., support for carpooling, support for more mass transit use, improved local shuttle bus service, etc.) and develop plans to implement	SB		
CT-1.3	Develop approach/plan to deal with traffic moving through the town from surrounding towns and develop a plan to keep commuter/ through traffic on designated streets (Route 9/Route 30/ Route 85/Southville) and out of residential neighborhoods (e.g., use of “flow control” devices)	SB		
CT-1.4	Define and develop a range of tools for addressing traffic control (e.g., “smart” traffic signals) and residential street speed control, including truck exclusion mechanism and plan; radar speed signs; stealth radar and targeted enforcement; pavement lining; speed bumps/dips	SB		
CT-1.5 (LU-4.2)	Develop a comprehensive program to incent the use of electric vehicles for example: constructing public charging stations, tax credits for drivers, by-law to require new commercial developments to include charging stations. Seek state/federal funding to support the program.	SB		
CT-1.6	Seek reasonable and clear mitigation commitments from development projects on Town-owned roadways, tying increases in transportation demand to an appropriate amount of improvement funding.	PB		
CT-1.7	Develop policies and implementation standards for road maintenance and reconstruction, including bridge reconstructions, which address scenic and historic characteristics while also addressing safety	PB		
#	Goal			

CT-2.0	Develop a plan to improve the safety, accessibility and convenience of transportation/transit services for residents, businesses and commuters of all ages and abilities	SB		
#	Recommendations			
CT-2.1	Work collaboratively with state and regional authorities to develop the local transit capability necessary to provide “in-town” transportation service and to provide leverage of external transit capability (e.g., MBTA) via “last mile” service	SB		
CT-2.2	Develop approach/plan to encourage the use of the commuter rail station e.g., electric bike rental at the station, shuttles to business parks	SB		

Objective: Improve accessibility & connectivity across the town (continued)		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
CT-2.3	Explore the opportunity to provide additional/sufficient commuter rail station parking capacity such as expanding into adjacent or adding an upper deck to the existing parking area. Develop approach/plan to provide funding and develop these solutions.	SB		
CT-2.4	Support and connect to evolving ride-sharing services including considering “commuter ride-share” software for employees of town businesses and for local residents	SB		
CT-2.5	Develop approach/plan to connect to selected regional transit services	SB		
#	Goal			
CT-3.0	Develop approach/plan to connect all parts of town with pedestrian/cycle access to improve ease of commuting, recreation and social interaction	SB		
#	Recommendations	SB		
CT-3.1	Establish a pedestrian and bicycling committee to be responsible for developing and implementing the master plan recommendations relating to public walkways and cycle paths. The committee should leverage Southborough's “complete streets design” status.			
CT-3.2 (LU-1.1)	Define trail/sidewalk “spine” structure to provide pedestrian/cyclist access to all parts of town, connecting Southborough's villages and neighborhoods to each other and to local/regional trails where possible. Develop plans to fund and develop this infrastructure.	PBC		
CT-3.3 (LU-1.2)	Develop plan for constructing sidewalks in selected individual neighborhoods and for repairing / upgrading existing sidewalks.	PBC		
CT-3.4	Develop plan for funding and constructing at least two Route 9 pedestrian bridges (e.g., Oak Hill and Parkerville, Flagg Road) to better connect the North and South sides of the Town	PBC		
CT-3.5 (LU-1.1)	Develop plan for constructing pedestrian walkways across five causeways (Boston Road; White Bagley Road; Cordaville Road (2); Middle Road)	PBC		
CT-3.6	Develop plan/approach for providing support infrastructure for pedestrian/cyclist access routes such as parking, drinking water, bike racks, bike rental stations, etc.	PBC		

7. Historic, Cultural & Community Resources (Chapter 7 v9.2)

Objective: Develop an enhanced sense of community		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
HC-1.0	Protect and preserve all historical assets of the Town of Southborough	HC		
#	Recommendations			
HC-1.1	Complete the process to establish a National Register District in the Downtown area	HC		
HC-1.2	Incorporate heightened awareness and appreciation of Southborough's historic resources within the Town's Tricentennial Celebrations	HC		
HC-1.3	Educate residents about the history of Southborough through innovative programming and events in conjunction with the Southborough Historical Society.	HC		
HC-1.4	Expand school outreach, in conjunction with the Southborough Historical Society, to increase children's awareness of the importance of an educated and informed citizenry.	HC		
HC-1.5	Contribute, along with associated Town boards and committees, to create a cultural corridor along Main Street, linking various significant sites through an interactive walking tour	HC		
HC-1.6	Work, in conjunction with the Southborough Historical Society, to preserve, catalog and digitize historical archives for the benefit of all.	HC		
HC-1.7	Encourage the use of the Adaptive Reuse of Historic Buildings Bylaw to preserve and renew historically significant structures for the 21 st century.	HC		
#	Goal			
HC-2.0 (LU-1.3)	Develop a strategic plan for the development of community gathering spaces	SB		
#	Recommendations			
HC-2.1	Define and document the requirements for community gathering spaces, with input from residents and stakeholders across the community	SB		
HC-2.2	Evaluate the opportunity to leverage existing spaces/properties within the town to meet the community gathering space	SB		

	requirements e.g., Woodward School, expanded Southborough Library, redeveloped Downtown Village neighborhood			
HC-2.3	Develop financial/funding and implementation plans for each community gathering space option and solicit feedback from the town	SB		
HC-2.4	Gain approval at town meeting for the proposed community gathering space	SB		

Objective: Develop an enhanced sense of community		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
HC-3.0	Improve the level of collaboration and engagement between the Town’s government and the community at large	SB		
#	Recommendations			
HC-3.1	Explore the options for enhancing communication with residents, schools, local businesses and community groups including determining the resourcing/funding required and how best to apply current and emerging technologies	SB		
HC-3.2	Provide a welcome letter/information packet for new residents/businesses	SB		
HC-3.3	Hold bi-annual “All Boards” meetings to provide a more structured process by which boards and commissions can communicate with the Board of Selectman	SB		
HC-3.4	Develop volunteer recruitment, support and recognition programs to encourage residents to serve on Town boards & commissions	SB		
HC-3.5	Require all boards and committees to strive to publicly and digitally post relevant meeting information and materials (aka. “packet”) prior to a meeting to foster increased opportunity for participation during public comment.	SB		
HC-3.6	Encourage Boards to share, read and review all relevant meeting minutes from other boards regarding issues properly before them, for example the three permitting boards (Zoning Board of Appeals, PB, Conservation Commission).	SB		
HC-3.7	Continue to use the virtual Zoom meeting facilities established during the Coronavirus pandemic, including when conflicts between meeting times occur.	SB		
HC-3.8	Coordinate with Town Clerk and Town Moderator to investigate the potential for Southborough to conduct joint virtual/in-person Town Meetings.	SB		

Public Services, Resiliency & Schools (Chapter 8 v5.2)

Objective: Provide effective, efficient and resilient facilities and services to the town		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
PS-1.0	Be able to deliver a wide range of public services to Southborough's residents	SB		
#	Recommendations			
PS-1.1	Continue to support a strong role for the Capital Planning Committee ("CapCom") in the Town's budgeting and planning process	SB		
PS-1.2	Through the ("CapCom"), develop and gain approval for a long-term capital plan for the Town, with annual updates; include in this capital plan the projects identified by the Southborough Public Accessibility Committee to reduce/remove public accessibility shortcomings	CAPC		
PS-1.3	Through the CapCom, review the existing capital investment plan for each service, identify investment gaps due to either population growth or risk mitigation requirements and determine if existing capital plans are sufficient or if additional investment is required	CAPC		
PS-1.4	Through the CapCom, evaluate funding options for capital projects e.g., public (Town or State), private, shared (with other towns or private sector partner)	CAPC		
PS-1.5	Through collaboration between the CapCom and the various Town budgeting entities, develop detailed plans and budgets for capital projects, including phasing of development (based on population growth timeline and risk mitigation prioritization) and linkage to other plan objectives	CAPC		
PS-1.6	Through collaboration between the CapCom and the various Town budgeting entities, determine responsibilities for implementation of capital projects (e.g., the Town, 3rd Party providers)	CAPC		
PS-1.7	Implement the recommendations of the Town's Technology Strategy	MTC		
#	Goal			
PS-2.0	Plan for, and manage, population and development growth in a way that appropriately balances the commercial, residential and financial pressures associated with this growth.	PWPB		
#	Recommendations			
PS-2.1	Update existing growth models with current data as the basis for additional analysis of growth options and financial consequences	PWPB		

PS-2.2	Encourage demographic diversity of the town's population through support of diverse housing initiatives	PWPB		
#	Goal			
PS-3.0	Plan for, and manage, a balanced approach to the Town's sources of revenue and the cost pressures associated with a growing demand for public services.	PWPB		
#	Recommendations			
PS-3.1	Identify and evaluate ways to broaden the tax base by generating additional funds from non-Southborough residents.	PWPB		
PS-3.2	Identify opportunities for stimulating growth of commercial tax base and implement as feasible.	PWPB		
PS-3.3	Look for additional funding sources for town services e.g., state/federal grants, public/private partnerships, philanthropic/not for profit investments and PILOT	PWPB		
Objective: Provide effective, efficient and resilient facilities and services to the town		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
PS-3.4	Research and analyze how other cities and towns to find ideas for new funding source	PWPB		
PS-3.5	Identify additional "project-specific" funding opportunities (e.g., use current funding for normal operations and look for project sponsors to build and/or endow new items such as a community center or recreation facilities	PWPB		
PS-3.6	Evaluate options for more intensive commercial development along Route 9 (including such activities as selective rezoning, building wastewater treatment capacity, etc.)	EDC		

Objective: Provide effective, efficient and resilient facilities and services to the town		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
RY-1.0	Identify hazards that affect the ability of the town to respond effectively and efficiently to natural disasters and climate change and develop appropriate mitigation plans	EPC		
#	Recommendations			
RY-1.1	Review/update/expand the existing Hazard Mitigation Plan(s). Complete	EPC	Complete	
RY-1.2	Develop a Hazard Transportation and Communication Plan	EPC		
RY-1.3*	Decrease tree damage sustained by ice/wind; leverage the Town's "Tree City" status with tree planting programs	EPC		
RY-1.4	Decrease isolation of neighborhoods by updating bylaws to require multiple access points to new developments, in the event of road closures	EPC		
RY-1.5	Improve water supply for firefighting including identifying a cost-effective solution for Pine Hill Road	EPC		
RY-1.6	Increase resiliency and redundancy of the utility networks (water, electrical, gas, communications)	EPC		
RY-1.7	Encourage development of "off-grid" local energy sources (e.g., solar)	EPC		
RY-1.8	Enhance technology/information systems resiliency	EPC		
RY-1.9	Conduct a Water Supply Vulnerability Assessment to determine the health of wetlands, streams and water bodies; educate the public on the importance of protecting the water supply	EPC		
#	Goal			
RY-2.0	Ensure the appropriate infrastructure and public services are in place to provide timely emergency response	EPC		
#	Recommendations			
RY-2.1	Investigate improvements to the causeways to help increase traffic capacity, improve hydraulic capacity and reduce flooding, and relocate utilities underground to protect from damage and outages. Specific attention to causeways where outages result in the isolation of specific areas in Town	EPC		
RY-2.2	Conduct a facilities inventory and assessment to assess sheltering capacity and identify potential improvements to increase capacity	EPC		
RY-2.3	Prepare a continuity of services plan to maintain communications and essential services during outages or major hazard events	EPC		

RY-2.4	Identify and engage vulnerable populations to improve access to essential emergency services during a major hazard event	EPC		
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Objective: Continue to strengthen our schools		Responsibility	Estimated Timeframe	Potential Funding Source
#	Goal			
S-1.0	Ensure the highest possible standard of student development and well being	SC		
#	Recommendations	SC		
S-1.1	Build from Southborough’s existing position of educational institution strengths to offer an increasingly strong and broad set of educational resources for Town students	SC		
S-1.2	Continue to operate education programs and services that set the Town’s schools apart from other local education systems and maintain a “best in class” reputation	SC		
S-1.3	Provide all students with access to challenging and culturally responsive learning experiences that meet their individual needs	SC		
S-1.4	Prioritize social, emotional, and physical well-being of students	SC		
#	Goal			
S-2.0	Provide high quality facilities, professional faculty and a challenging, creative curriculum	SC		
#	Recommendations			
S-2.1	Develop, support, and operate sustainable, functional, and well-maintained school buildings and facilities, including maintaining a sound capital plan consistent with Town’s capital planning	SC		
S-2.2	Execute the District’s Strategic Plan using skilled management practices and best educational practices	SC		
S-2.3	Implement instructional practices that engage all students in developing and demonstrating their knowledge and skills through rigorous, innovative, and relevant learning experiences	SC		
S-2.4	Continue the District’s focus on creating and delivering excellent special education programs	SC		
S-2.5	Demonstrate continual growth through professional collaboration	SC		
#	Goal			
S-3.0	Explore opportunities for improved coordination and collaboration with other education providers and the community at large	SC		
#	Recommendations			
S-3.1	Enhance relationships with all local education assets, including private schools and local technical schools	SC		

S-3.2	Look for opportunities from coordination with other schools, colleges, universities, businesses	SC		
S-3.3	Consider options to incorporate daycare and adult continuing education programs	SC		
S-3.4	Investigate and apply for external program-specific grants or other funding sources to enable the establishment or expansion of specialized instructional areas	SC		
S-3.5	Collaborate with the Town to consider building and operating an integrated structure of life-long learning, social engagement, recreational activities, and other community activities to enhance the Town's "sense of community,"	SC		