

## **ARTICLE 13    ESTABLISH A MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

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Said Committee will report to Town Meeting at least annually, at the Town Meeting regularly scheduled in October or, if no such meeting is held, the next Annual Town Meeting. The report will contain the following information:

- (a)      implementation steps accomplished within the past year;
- (b)      anticipated steps to be accomplished within the next two years; and
- (c)      resources, including Town Meeting appropriations or other actions, necessary to complete those steps.

Said Committee shall consist of five members to be appointed jointly by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen for terms that are renewed annually. One member shall be a member of the Planning Board or its designee and a second member shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen or its designee. The other members shall have expertise in planning, architecture, economic development, landscape architecture, real estate, or other relevant fields.

The Master Plan Implementation Committee will exist for ten years from the date of establishment by Town Meeting. Such term may be extended by vote of Town Meeting. At the end of ten years, said Committee shall report to the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, and Town Meeting its recommendation as to whether the Master Plan shall be updated under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81D;

and to act on anything thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen

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*COMMENT: The Master Plan will be presented to the Town in the Auditorium of the High School on September 29, 2014. The Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) is the next step in evolving outcomes as recommended in the Master Plan. The MPIC will report to the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board as to actions necessary to realize the directives of the Master Plan, to map out strategies for those actions, and to monitor the progress of actions taken. It will report to the Town in general at the October Town Meeting and will have a charge of ten years, with an extension of that charge into the future at the discretion of Town Meeting.*

*The Warrant Committee feels strongly that the best way to capitalize on the investment made to date (\$125,000) in the Master Plan is to pass this article.*

*We believe the proposed committee will enliven the Plan and through constant involvement prevent its slow death on a dusty shelf.*