

Chilmark Planning Board Master Plan Subcommittee
June 12, 2023 3PM
Select Board Meeting Room

Present: Janet Weidner, Chairperson, Catherine Thompson, Peter Cook, Ann Wallace
Site: Select Board Meeting Room – In Person

Chairperson Weidner called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

Peter Cook provided updated thoughts on discussions to date of the master plan.

Janet Weidner provided a sample of the questions and responses from 2007-8 that were solicited from the different departments and committees/boards in town.

Ann Wallace and Cathy Thompson provided the handout from a June 2021 update from the Brewster Visioning Report of 2018.

There was discussion on the difference between a visioning document and a master plan. The Subcommittee felt that visioning is more immediate in its scope (1-5 year) and a master plan is 10-15-20 year plan. Additionally, the members discussed the importance of Town involvement, whether the Subcommittee does a master plan update, supplement or other approach.

The members discussed how to move forward and when a consultant might be most helpful. The experience with Bill Brewster and the Menemsha Plan was reviewed as a positive model. It was felt that a discussion with the MVC, Adam Turner, could provide consultant resources specific to master plans and could be pursued over the summer. As the next steps become more clear, the Subcommittee will provide an update to the Select Board.

The Subcommittee decided to start with questions to the Town departments and committees/boards to get a sense of what the issues, concerns, and priorities might be. It was also noted that there may be some organizations that should be involved, though they are not listed as Town departments (e.g., Martha's Vineyard Commission, the MV Fisherman's Preservation Trust).

For next meeting: Janet Weidner and Cathy Thompson will review and update the questions that would be given to committees/boards and departments, and will draft an introduction.

Ann Wallace will provide a list of all Town departments and all committees/boards. Also, she will provide an outline of the Brewster Building Block page with the purpose areas.

Peter Cook asked members to review his draft and provide feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Wallace for Jennifer Christy

- Next Meeting: Monday, June 26, 2023, 3PM