

## The Master Plan Implementation Committee

A Master Plan is structured in conformance with the state requirements outlined in Chapter 41, Section 81D which describes a Master Plan as “a statement through text, maps, illustrations, or other forms of communication that is designed to provide a basis for decision-making regarding the long-term physical development of the municipality...” and is comprised of specified elements:

- Land Use
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Open Space and Natural Resources
- Public Services and Facilities
- Mobility

Implementation is the process of prioritizing actions; deciding when to take them; and delegating responsibilities for advancing them. Implementing this Master Plan will require a dedicated, sustained and patient effort by elected and appointed officials, as well as Town employees. It will also require significant work by volunteers and dedicated citizens. Master Plans are developed to guide a town’s policies and strategies over the next ten to twenty years. The Plan is a living document and often times is reviewed periodically and updated accordingly to be certain it reflects the ever-changing trends and evolving needs of the community. The Plan is not a bylaw, but instead a policy document, intended to be used to provide Town Boards and Commissions with a set of common goals and strategies which can be uniformly taken into consideration when making decisions.

The creation of the standing Master Plan Implementation Committee has provided a deliberative body that focuses on advancing the recommendations of the Master Plan. The Town has established a Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) based on the representation below.

| Members      | Representing            | Designated by           |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1            | Planning Board          | Planning Board          |
| 1            | Select Board            | Select Board            |
| 1            | Historical Commission   | Historical Commission   |
| 1            | Conservation Commission | Conservation Commission |
| 1            | Housing Authority       | Housing Authority       |
| 1            | Park Commission         | Park Commission         |
| 4            | Residents/At-large      | Select Board            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>10</b>               |                         |