

Town of Chelmsford Values and Vision Committee Minutes
Chelmsford Senior Center
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TOWN OF CHELMSFORD

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Vision & Values Public Input Session Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020

Please note that all documents referenced in these minutes are on file at the Town Manager's Office, 50 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford, Mass. The meeting was recorded by Chelmsford Telemedia. Selectman Virginia Timmins called the session to order at 7:00 PM.

Committee Members Present:

Selectman Emily Antul
Town Manager Paul Cohen
Dierdre Connolly
Eric Cunningham
Asst. Town Manager Mike McCall
Selectman Virginia Crocker Timmins

Others Present:

Selectman Ken Lefebvre

Call to Order – Notification of Live Broadcast

Selectman Timmins introduced the Committee and described the work that was done to create the Values and Vision Statement. The next meeting is planned on March 17, 2020 with the intent of finalizing recommendations for the Board of Selectmen.

Public Input on Draft Vision Statement:

The Town of Chelmsford will be a livable, inclusive, welcoming, multigenerational community. Mindful of our historic past, we are adaptive and responsive to our dynamic environment. Our residents enjoy excellence in education, access to open space, and a vibrant, sustainable quality of life.

The statement was read into the record. No one had any further comments in regard to the Statement.

Public Input on Draft Values:

Stewardship
Fiscal Responsibility
Sustainability
Accountability
Transparency, Honesty and Integrity
Respect and Empathy
Inclusiveness and Tolerance
Civic and Community Engagement
Innovation, Adaptability and Creativity

There were no comments provided at this time.

Press Questions

No one was present at this time.

Adjourn

The televised session was adjourned at 7:04PM.

Post Adjourned Comments:

Susan Dandaraw, 61 Old Stage Rd. felt that balancing responsible residential and commercial growth could be a value, or this could be better for the Master Plan Committee.

Badrhi Upilipian, asked how this was going to be implemented in the future. He suggested that more information on how these value words were chosen may want to be included in any presentation, as background information.

He recommended that sustainability be an independent quality, as it is a very important concept.

The Committee felt these qualities fall under the stewardship category.

Ms. Dandaraw added that the concept of being a welcoming community, hopes this will attract people to visit businesses and amenities in town. Mr. Upilipian explained that cultural events may also attract people to the town.

Natural resources and infrastructure also need to be protected in light of all the growth in town. Mr. Upilipian described efforts made to protect water and heating options developments being offered by utility companies. He recommended the Town look for ways to reduce carbon emissions.

The session was ended at 7:28PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian W. Merrill
Recording Secretary

Supporting documents:

Written Vision and Values Statement provided on the posted meeting Agenda