

Meeting Minutes Local Planning Committee
December 3, 2024
Harwich Town Hall Harwich MA 02645

- I. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order by chair Joyce McIntyre at 5:03pm. Roll call will be required since Mary Jones was virtual. Christine Flynn and Sharon Rooney were also present.
 - II. A. Review and approve minutes from November 4, 2024 meeting. Minutes were approved with a motion by Ed McManus and a second by Margo Fenn. Roll call—Mary, aye, Brian aye, Joyce, aye, Margo, aye, Barbara, aye, Ed, aye, Bernadette, aye.
B and C were discussed together.
Discussion of HPP by select board. HPP was approved by planning board. Select board took a non vote position. They would like a meeting with LPC, Planning board and select board. Pine Oaks in the plan is an issue, there is no clear action plan and it is a hard document to look at in isolation. Still hope to have LCP ready for Town Meeting in May.
Need/want vision, strategic goals, plans. Asked what are goals of HPP? Written comments from select board would be helpful for LPC to prepare for meeting.
We need to help them understand that HPP and open space documents are driven by state requirements. Question of who prioritizes actions.
 - D. Feedback from town committees on LPC visits. Bernadette and Barbara provided feedback from their respective meetings with arts council, library board and conservation commission.
 - E. Discussion on including governance section in LCP. Need to include in the draft actions for the plan. Land use goal is not required in the document, but still something that needs to be considered to move forward .
 - F. Review of early LCP draft. Themes—designated growth centers, protection of open space, protection of natural systems. Need to track mixed use development, wetland actions (restore, protect). Objectives vs policy vs actions. Reinstate tree warden position. Cultural heritage—public/private collaboration.
- Future Dates—next meeting January 7, 2025, January 15—warrant article submission, May 5-Town Meeting.
- III. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Brian Scheld and a second by Bernadette Waystack . Roll call was taken with “ayes” response by everyone present.