

SMALL TOWN, BIG PLANS
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RESILIENT MASTER PLAN

BLANDFORD RESILIENT MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

MEETING #1
NOVEMBER 24, 2020

3:00 PM, VIRTUAL MEETING



AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. What is a Resilient Master Plan?
3. Community Engagement
4. RMPC Meeting Schedule
5. Committee Responsibilities
6. Next Steps

RMPC MEMBERS

David Hopson - School Superintendent and Town Moderator

Peter Langmore - Chair, Municipal Light Board

Pat Daviau - Member, Council on Aging

Mary Kronholm - Trustee, Library & Assistant Town Clerk

Doug Emo - Maintenance of Watson Memorial Park
Veteran, Lead Organizer for Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Edna Wilander - Vice Chair, Planning Board

Paul Martin - Treasurer, Planning Board

Chips Norcross - Member, Historical Society

Bob Kidd - Member, Historical Society

Jen Girard - Member, Board of Health

Rene Senecal - Highway Superintendent

Gordon Avery - Water Superintendent

Margit Mikuski - Director, Council on Aging

Linda Barnard - Member, Historical Society & Historical Commission

Cara Letendre - Chair, Selectboard

David Mottor - Fire Chief

Judith MacKinnon - Chair, Council on Aging

Nicole Daviau - Library Director

Joann Martin - Member, Recreation Committee
Town Administrator Assistant

Tj Cousineau - Cemetery Commissioner

Sonja Hutchins - Zoning Board of Appeals Member

Joshua A. Garcia - Town Administrator



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PROJECT TEAM

Project Managers

Kenneth Comia, AICP

Senior Land Use Planner

Land Use/Zoning

Catherine Ratté

Section Head

Climate Adaptation and Sustainability, Resiliency

Content Specialists

Patty Gambarini

Section Head

Economic Development

Ted Harvey, AICP

Senior Community Development Planner

Housing

Gary Roux

Section Head

Transportation

Shannon Walsh

Historic Preservation Planner

Historical and Cultural Resources

Ray Centeno

Graphics/Website Designer

Graphic Design and Website

Jake Dolinger

GIS Specialist

GIS Mapping and Data

Douglas Hall, PhD

Data Manager & Analyst

Data Manager

Todd Zukowski

Section Head

GIS/Data and Communications



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WHAT IS A RESILIENT MASTER PLAN?

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- Guided MGL c. 41, §81D
- Blueprint for the future
 - Describes a long-term vision and how to achieve it
- Guides zoning changes, capital improvements budgeting, decision-making
- Covers a time frame of 10 years
 - Ongoing reviews and convening of a Master Plan Implementation Committee keep it current and relevant

A MASTER PLAN IS **NOT**:

- A Zoning Bylaw
- Subdivision Regulation
- Capital Improvement Program
- Other Regulatory Document

ELEMENTS OF A MASTER PLAN

1. Goals
2. Land Use
3. Housing
4. Economic Development
5. Cultural and Historic Resources
6. Natural Resources, Open Space and Recreation
7. Transportation (Circulation)
8. Services and Facilities
9. Implementation

IMPLEMENTATION

- The Resilient Master Plan is a policy guidance document—not law.
- It will be up to the town’s legislative and executive bodies, such as Town Meeting, the Select Board, the Planning Board and other boards and commissions, to implement the Plan’s recommendations over the upcoming months and years.
- Blandford’s boards and commissions should consistently use this document to guide their decision making process with regard to major town decisions—for example, permitting decisions by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, capital expenditure proposals by the Finance Committee, and general town governance decisions by the Select Board.

WHAT IS RESILIENCE?

- The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties

The Rockefeller Foundation's *100 Resilient Cities* initiative defines resilience as **"the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within a [town] to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience."**

RESILIENT MASTER PLAN PROCESS

1. Review existing conditions to identify issues, challenges and needs
2. Distill public input gained via survey and series of meetings into Guiding Principles that will help us develop Goals
3. Develop strategies to achieve goals
4. Implementation



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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- Community Survey
- Outreach Plan



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RMPC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tasks	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Interactive Resilient Master Plan website								
Steering Committee meetings		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Survey to engage community--identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats	discuss at Comm	finalize and launch survey	survey done					
Community Vision Workshop		discuss at Comm	hold	or?				
GIS Analysis								
Data Collection & Analysis								
Goals Chapter			draft					
Land Use Chapter			draft					
Transportation Chapter			draft					
Housing Chapter				draft				
Economic Development Chapter				draft				
Historic/Cultural Chapter					draft			
Natural Resource/Open Space Chapter					draft			
Public Facilities/Services Chapter						draft		
Implementation Chapter						draft		
Community Outreach and Engagement • 3 additional engagement events - one during work day								
Focus groups		inform						
Stakeholder Interviews								
Media presence								
Posters and flyers								
Stormwater Regulatory Review and Improvements								
Open Space and Recreation Plan update								
Community Implementation Workshop							hold	
Finalize Master Plan--integrate the recommendations into the draft chapters								done
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COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Responsibilities
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair

RMPC Responsibilities

- Attend monthly RMPC meetings;
- Comment on PVPC's review of existing plans / visions / proposed actions;
- Identify distinct populations and groups that have a vested interest in the town for stakeholder interviews to be conducted by PVPC;
- Review and provide input in the drafting of survey questions for a community-wide survey and assist with identifying ways to inform all residents about the survey;
- Attend and participate the Public Education Events;
- Attend and participate in the Visioning Workshops;
- Review and comment on data analysis conducted by PVPC for each of the master plan chapters;
- Assist in the drafting of goals / strategies / action steps (implementation) for each of the master plan chapters;
- Review and edit master plan chapters, as developed;
- Attend resilient master plan public forums / hearings, as scheduled.

RMPC Chair/Vice Chair

- Chair
 - Open, conduct and adjourn meetings on-time
 - Be available, as necessary to assist in the preparation of agendas and how to best involve the full RMPC in tasks
 - Act as spokesperson, upon approval of RMPC, during public involvement processes and public exchanges
- Vice Chair
 - Serve in the role of Chair in the event Chair is absent or cannot otherwise fulfill their duties



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NEXT STEPS



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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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