

**Growth Planning Committee**  
**Minutes**  
01/05/2021/ 6:00PM/ remote

Attendees: Dan Saunders, Chair, Jim Fitzgerald, Paul Hogan, Werner Gilliam, Director of Planning and Development, Janet Powell, Jim McMann

Absent: Mike Corsie

Guests: Liz Durfee, Tom Morgan

Dan Saunders, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:03 PM.

As a follow-up to the GPC meeting of 12/15/20, Paul Hogan reaffirmed the group's agreement to add Short Term Housing to the CP chapter on Economy. Additional data on the number of rental units, number of seasonal workers employed each year to maintain them, lodging taxes paid to the State, both by private owners and realtors would be helpful. Werner offered to continue to research specific data that would help define more clearly the STR's economic impact on the community.

Tom and Liz led a discussion about themes and questions to include in the January community outreach using Survey Monkey. The committee agreed on two themes, the Economy and Sustainability, each topic having three questions. It will be distributed to residents through the town's general notification list and subscription list to the Planning Board, KRA and GRBA. Hard copies will also be available at the Town Hall.

The Committee then continued the discussion of the advantages of the fifteen minute town concept. Tom's slide presentation featured images of small local food shops that provide alternatives to shopping in large supermarkets outside of town. Their benefits include access to locally sourced, sustainable products and in the case of the cafe and bakery, places to gather and socialize year round. The addition of small specialized shops and services available to year-round residents such as those found in the Cape Porpoise Square is highly desirable but not without specific challenges. Werner pointed out the conflict between density and proximity, adding that some potentially attractive locations for these shops would not have access to sewer lines. Also, experience shows (the Village Parcel) that while theoretically many see the long term benefits of adding these services outside of Dock Square, the impact of their location often drives the opinion of residents.

Long range planning on the location of services will need to include discussion of this topic given certain areas' vulnerability to CC.

Additional images prompted discussion of food trucks which have been met with favorable reviews in several neighboring towns.. They provide easy, affordable and safe access to take-out meals, especially during Covid. When clustered, they create gathering space(s) as well. Feedback from residents on this topic through one of our upcoming community surveys was recommended.

The minutes of the 12/15 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

The **Transportation** chapter will be discussed at the next remote meeting on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021.**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM

