

## Notes: Vision and Mission Statement Deeper Dive Meeting

3/19/2024

Attendees: Duke Gerber, Art Fox, Ben Kleimer, Cassi MacUmbert, Ondrej Mertlik, Garrett Alexander, Bob Oppenheimer, Trish Marcine, Aaron Burgamy, Bob Will, Jake Spears, Melissa Matthews, Scot Hunn & Jennifer Henninger

### Agenda:

1. Discuss managed growth for the town.
2. Characteristics of community and community wellness.
3. Review of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan.
4. Evaluation of the Development Code and zoning map.

### Discussion Points:

- Emphasis on the importance of preserving old buildings for their character. Noting the significance of the school and other historical structures. Zoning regulations and allowable land use were identified as critical factors to avoid becoming solely a bedroom community. The group discussed the need to attract new industries while maintaining the town's identity.
- Highlighted the town's historical significance as the oldest in the county and its relatively small size. Emphasized the importance of maintaining the town's history while addressing issues such as parking, density, and tax base.
- Suggested reconsidering the vision statement to focus on honoring rather than preserving the town's history. Emphasized the importance of maintaining buildings that tell a story and integrating second homeowners into the community.
- Expressed the importance of balancing new growth while preserving the town's character. Advocated for locals to have the opportunity to build rather than speculative development.

- Concerns raised about preserving the town's history while balancing commercial and residential needs. Emphasized the need to address parking regulations and explore offsite parking solutions.
- The group discussed community characteristics and wellness, as well as equity and the influence of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan on development.
- There was a consensus that the current Development Code needs alignment with the town's vision, with a suggestion to have community conversations to educate residents on land use regulations.

#### Next Steps:

- Review the digitized zoning map to ensure it represents desired land uses over the next 20 years.
- Consider the inclusion of "Industrial and Commercial" and "Planned Unit Development" zone districts on the zoning map.
- Discuss potential areas for annexation into the town and the need for development regulations and architectural guidelines.

#### Conclusion:

The meeting provided valuable insights into managing growth while preserving the town's character and history. Further discussions and actions are needed to align development with the community's vision and values.