

RIDGWAY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION

APRIL 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission meeting was held in-person and via virtual meeting portal Zoom Meeting, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy.

The Chairperson called an informal meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. with Commissioner Liske and Chairperson Montague in attendance. Chairperson Montague noted a quorum was not present for a formal Planning Commission Meeting and announced the group would proceed with an informal discussion. Commissioner Petrucelli joined the discussion at 6:00 pm.

WORK SESSIONS

1. Master Plan Review

Staff Memo dated April 11, 2025, from Planner Angie Kemp provided background on the process for the 2019 Master Plan review.

The Planner thanked the Commission for individual feedback on Parts II, III and IV of the 2019 Master Plan and presented a PowerPoint for group review of those Plan sections.

In noting potential updates to the 2019 Master Plan, there was consensus that priority should be given to the following:

- Determining where growth is realistic before setting a goal for projected growth outside of Town limits
- Considering whether our "Community Values" section is reality based or aspirational
- Making the "Water Element" its own section in the Plan
- Considering if more public outreach is warranted to improve "Civic Health" and what the various formats might be
- Determining specifics to improve "livability" and what "livability means (i.e. greater walkability and grocery affordability)
- Enhancing efforts to diversify the economy and encourage business opportunities, including incentives
- Making "Recreation and Tourism" its own section in the Plan
- Bolstering relationships with CDOT and regional representatives to improve "Public Safety"
- Considering Certified Local Government status to help create specific goals related to Historic Preservation
- Enhancing the community trail system and connected sidewalks for "Well Connected Neighborhoods"
- Considering whether more public outreach open houses are warranted to improve water awareness, (i.e. supply, quality, and conservation)
- Incorporating the findings of the Housing Needs Assessment upon completion of the study

The Planner shared the Future land Use Map to prompt discussion about any areas that need further consideration. The Commission members requested copies of the map for further study.

2. Updates regarding Housing Planning Studies

Planner Kemp reported the Request for Proposals for a Regional Housing Needs Assessment has been sent, and the deadline is April 18th. Staff have applied for a Department of Local Affairs grant to partially cover the cost of the Housing Needs Assessment and a Local Housing Action Plan.

The Planner reminded the Commissioners to review Part V and the assigned Appendix section of the 2019 Master Plan and forward any feedback by May 12th.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the discussion at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Huun  
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