

BARRINGTON COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN

PLANNING BOARD/TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

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Town of Barrington Comprehensive Community Plan



2015 Update

Comprehensive Plan of the
Town of Barrington, RI

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BACKGROUND

- Plan adopted by Council – March 25, 2015
- State approval – May 2015
 - Valid through May 10, 2025



BACKGROUND

ELEMENTS

- 1) Housing & Neighborhoods
- 2) Economic Development
- 3) Circulation
- 4) Community Services & Facilities
- 5) Natural & Cultural Resources
- 6) Open Space & Recreation
- 7) Natural Hazards
- 8) Energy
- 9) Land Use
- 10) Implementation

BACKGROUND

MAJOR THEMES

-  Meeting the needs of an aging population
-  Promoting a vibrant Village Center and diverse economy
-  Strengthening connectivity within town
-  Embracing a cleaner, greener future through sustainable practices
-  Conserve and protect the special qualities of Barrington's neighborhoods
-  Achieving resilience in the face of a changing environment



IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- Plan recommends annual review of Implementation Plan to “assess its progress and prioritize resources for each year”
- State will require implementation report after five years (in 2020)
- However, local decisions ongoing
 - Town puts together annual capital budgets and six-year capital improvement program for long-term needs
 - Are there local ordinances/policies, regulation changes that should be priorities in coming year?



IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- **Implementation Plan evaluates each action based on:**
 - **Consistency with Major Themes**
 - **Priority Levels (High/Medium/Low)**
 - **Cost (estimated)**
 - **Timeframe**
 - **Responsibility (agency/department/board, etc.)**
 - **Type of Action: Capital, Program, Regulation (such as zoning), Policy (local ordinances, policies)**
- **List of Community Indicators to “track measurable outcomes” (see Fig. 2, Page 150)**

HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS



HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS INDICATORS

- **Housing Trust Fund—Available, Spent Funding**
 - \$0 Available/Spent
 - \$400,000 fee-in-lieu payment as part of Zion development following building permit issuance
 - \$2.335 million projected total payments over 12 years
- **Number of “Tear-Downs”**
 - 25 from 2009-2013
- **Number, % of LMI Housing Units**
 - 162 LMI units: 2.6% total
 - 8 additional approved: 2.7%
 - 40 units at Palmer Pointe: 3.35%
 - 32 units at “Zion”: 3.80%



HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS INDICATORS

- **Number of “Senior” Housing Units**
 - 267 at Zion proposed, plus 24 memory care units
- **Number of Multifamily Units**
 - See Zion, Palmer Pointe

HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS ACTIONS - STATUS

- **LMI Housing**
 - 32 proposed at the Zion site – master plan stage
 - 40 proposed at Sowams Nursery site –prelimin. plan stage next
- **Senior Housing - CCRC**
 - Zoning Ordinance revisions – Create new “SRV” zone; Establish Fee in Lieu provision with sunset clause
 - At Subcommittee level; expect Planning Board review in January
- **George Street**
 - “Agricultural” zone – subcommittee to begin review of draft text revisions replacing R40-Conservation Zone
 - Would reduce maximum density
 - Exclude area from inclusionary zoning requirement

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS

- Commercial Square Feet
- Vacancy Rate and Rents (unavailable)

- Linear Feet of New Sidewalks Added in Commercial Areas
 - 2015: 0

- Room Tax Revenues: N/A
- Meals Tax Revenues: \$141,354 (year ending 6/30/13)

- Number of Identified Public Parking Spaces by Business District
 - “Village Center”: **2,276 off-street** (includes 150 at Town Hall/Library) and 136 at Y/Town Lot // **579 on-street**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS - STATUS

- Streetscape plans:
 - \$1.6 million bond based on Connectivity Study
 - Engineering in construction documents stage
 - To be put out to bid this winter to start spring 2016
- Wayfinding signs: Consultant on board to finalize designs for installation w/ streetscape project
- Village Center Parking Study: Nearly complete
 - Recommendations require further action
- Zoning for B&B's – on task list for Zoning Update Subcommittee
- Agricultural zone – Drafted specific to George Street area; to be reviewed by Zoning Update Subcommittee

CIRCULATION



CIRCULATION INDICATORS

- Linear Feet of Sidewalk Repaired and Built
 - 2015: 40 feet
- Linear Feet of New Bike Paths, Bike Lanes
 - 2015: 0
- Number of New Bike Racks Installed (Added Capacity)
 - 2015: 16 new racks (holding 32 bikes)
- Accidents at Key Intersections
- Sidewalk Reserve Fund—Balance
 - Approx. \$20,000
- Miles of Roads Paved
- Traffic Volume Changes on County Road



CIRCULATION ACTIONS - STATUS

- Nayatt Road repaving – scheduled for 2018 (TIP)
- Safety improvements:
 - County Road at Middle Highway: 2016 (TIP)
 - Middle Highway at S. Lake Drive: 2016 (TIP)
- Sidewalks
 - New sidewalk on Middle Hwy from bike path to Seven Oaks Drive – 2017 (SRTS)
 - Rebuild sidewalks in vicinity of Primrose Hill Sch. – 2017 (SRTS)
 - TIP – New sidewalk on Massasoit from Martin Ave to Arvin Ave – no work initiated; funding authorization needed for Feasibility Study
 - Rebuild/extend sidewalk on Middle Hwy as part of Zion project – timeframe and extent TBD
 - Sidewalks – Maple Avenue (north side to West Street), Wood Avenue, Waseca Ave., part of Cottage Ln – Expect start spring 2016; more than 3,000 linear feet of sidewalks

COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES





COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES INDICATORS

- School Enrollment
 - 2013-14: 3,323
 - 2014-15: 3,258
 - 2015-16: 3,180 (projected)
- Town Meeting Room Utilization Rate
- Recycling Rate / Total Solid Waste
 - Recycling – profit sharing check of \$34,233 in 2014-15
- Wastewater Reserve Fund



COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES ACTIONS - STATUS

- **Library: Renovations of second floor for expanded children's room/meeting spaces planning/funding stage; local bond, \$400,000 from Champlin Foundation**
- **Middle School upgrades – in planning stages**
 - Future steps include – development of two options with estimates
 - Building/School Committee select “preferred option”
 - Provide justification
 - RIDE/SBA Stage 2 Submission – prior to March 1, 2016

NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES



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- Number of Properties / Sites / Districts Added to National Register
 - Allen-West House (circa 1763) on George Street added in 2013
- Preservation Society “Plaque Houses”
 - 163 plaque houses (as of July 2014)
- Beach Closings
 - 2014 – two
 - 2015 - zero
- Special Use Permits Granted—Wetlands
 - 2012-13: 4
 - 2013-14: 2
 - 2014-15: 7
- Brickyard Pond Water Quality

NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES ACTIONS - STATUS

- Sold two properties on George Street w/ deed restrictions preventing use other than single-family
- Expanded cemetery lot on George St by one acre
- Belton Court restoration – a condition of new zone for Zion property; to be renovated as part of senior housing development including preservation of front lawn
- “Dark Sky” streetlights – discussion to complete as part of conversion to LED
- George Street agricultural zone – in process (previously cited)

OUTDOOR RECREATION



OUTDOOR RECREATION INDICATORS

- **Linear Feet of Pathways/Greenways Improved**
 - Approx. 1,100 feet expected to be improved in 2015/early 2016
- **Protected Open Space—Acreage: Total, Additional Acreage**
 - 2015: Gain of one acre added to cemetery lot on George Street
- **Field Utilization Rates**
 - In general, 100% utilization

OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIONS - STATUS

- Developed master plan for Legion Way rink – site improvements; approx. \$160,000
- Phase 2 master plan under development for Latham Park; approx. \$490,000
- Police Cove Park – Park completed in 2015; restroom, Ramp anticipated in spring 2016
- Public outdoor recreation space (passive) discussed at Zion; possibly lawn in front of Belton Court for benches, paths (open to public)
- Veterans Park trail projects – Legion Way-Bike Path connection; boardwalk across wetlands between Shaw's/shopping center; bluff restoration projects

ENERGY



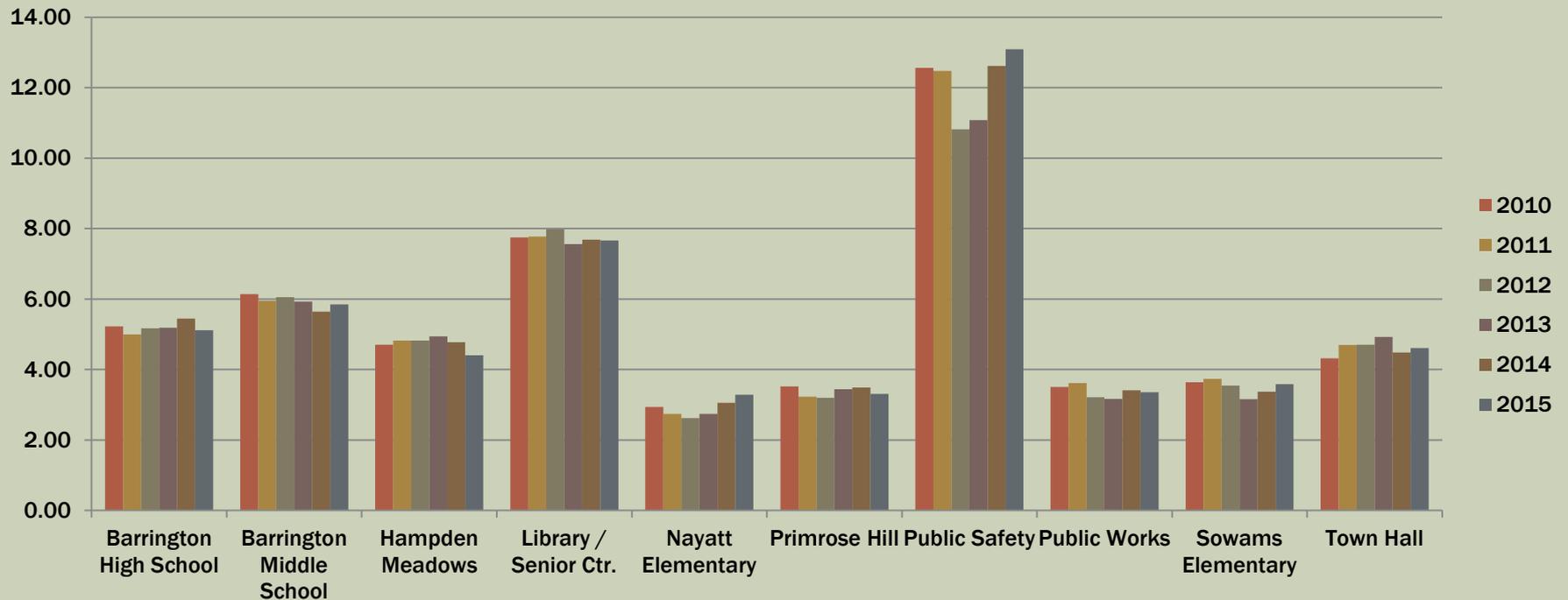


ENERGY INDICATORS

- Reduction of Energy Use Measured Against FY2009 Baseline Year
 - See next slide
- Renewable Energy Production (kWh) —Town / School Sites
 - No significant system installed
- Revolving Energy Fund: Budget/Expenditures
 - \$0 budget/expenditures

ENERGY INDICATORS

Electricity Usage Intensity (kWh/sq ft)



ENERGY ACTIONS - STATUS

- \$100,000 Town Hall energy efficiency project to start
- Acquisition of streetlights authorized by Town Council
 - Town issued joint RFP with Bristol for streetlight maintenance; proposals due by Dec. 16
 - LED conversion RFP to be issued soon (draft stage)
 - Infrastructure Bank application due Jan. 22, 2016; needs to include building(s) in addition to streetlights
- “Solarize Barrington” launched – fall 2015
 - Solar installer selected; tiered pricing; marketing push
 - Must sign up by mid-February 2016
- Energy survey compiled by Energy Committee:
 - Streetlights has remained high relative to other energy costs
 - Public Safety Building – Town’s biggest energy user esp. electricity
 - Library/Senior Center – electricity use high relative to other buildings

NATURAL HAZARDS





NATURAL HAZARDS INDICATORS

- Repetitive Loss—Total Cost
- Number, Value of Mitigated Properties
 - 2015: 1 house elevated; approx. \$1 million value



NATURAL HAZARDS ACTIONS - STATUS

- Hazard Mitigation Plan update under way
 - Includes sea level rise impact analysis
- Town awarded \$645,000 FEMA grant on behalf of six property owners for elevation projects (75% grant/25% match)
- Working with Save the Bay on end of road adaptation project near Town Beach