

10-18-18

Downtown Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting 2: Sustainable Economies

5-6pm

Town Office, Upstairs Meeting Room

Attending: George Kendrick, Betsy Hopkins, Margaret Qualey, Hooper Brooks, Elin Elisofin, John Wasielewski, Gabe McPhail

Absent: Holly Sault, Kathy Warren, Kris Davidson, David Wylie

5pm Start

Housekeeping

Gabe presented the following as a means of providing structure for the group's process.

Working Guidelines

- Start & End on Time
- Stay on Topic
- Write Down Questions

Format & Process

1. Review definitions, scope, ideas generated, and recommendations
2. Identify relevant considerations, concepts, and concerns, and the discussion topic area in which they will be investigated
3. Prioritize topics for future discussion

Sustainable Economies– Sustaining, Retaining, Resiliency

The conversation around sustainable economies began with a review of information previously generated, as well as guiding definitions and scope to help frame the discussion.

Please review this information by [clicking HERE](#).

The remainder of the meeting was spent identifying relevant considerations, concepts, and concerns, and the discussion topic area in which they will be investigated. The outcomes of this conversation are represented in the chart below.

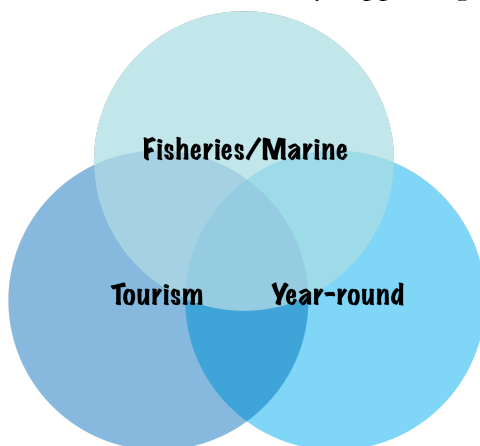
In Support of Sustainable VH: Fisheries/Marine, Tourism, Year-round Economies

Concept	Consideration	Discussion Area
○ Support fisheries diversification	○ Aquaculture access-kelp lines ○ Carvers pond access-tourism, fishery ○ Shared use on Backside-three economies share	○ Parking ○ Parking; Capital Improvements
○ Retain/maintain Working Waterfront	○ Marine tourism conflicts?-harbor space ○ Limits to harbor access?	○ Parking: Transportation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limits to dock space ○ Parking lot use-best uses, permits ○ Cruise ship launches-limit? ○ Mooring access-more? less? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce flood insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Backside development / flood mitigation-wetland construction? ○ FEMA maps-town pay to contest? ○ Local guarantee to sub as flood insurance and satisfy mortgage requirements-Hooper's Q 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capital Improvements ○ Follow-up Big Picture Discussion ○ Funding; Housing?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage downtown office space use (non-retail business) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Downtown marine industry offices-diversified fisheries ○ Shared use spaces-maximize efficiency and workforce by sharing resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capital Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year-round housing ○ Short-term housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workforce housing ○ Air B&B-limits to? Owner-occupancy limit? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing ○ Funding (Tax Incentives)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Generate value across multiple economies ○ Reduce strain on resources ○ Resource limits (water, sewer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Higher-value tourism (packages)-longer stays, greater value ○ Limits to Downtown growth-water, sewer, traffic, ferry capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing ○ Follow-up Big Picture Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Large-capacity vehicle transport-van, bus? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transportation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safety ○ Walkable, accessible, age friendly downtown access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sidewalks ○ Signage; Wayfinding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capital Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide entrepreneurial / business support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Island products development ○ Cooperatives ○ Economic development office/director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow-up Big Picture Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support aging in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eldercare services ○ Eldercare housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow-up Big Picture Discussion ○ Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support central downtown gathering space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community gathering space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Town Facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide access to capital ○ Creatively fund next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustainable development fund ○ Brownfield funds ○ Tax incentives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preserve historic VH ○ Maximize historical value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building codes ○ Tax incentives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilities ○ Historical District ○ Funding

This information will be referenced in upcoming discussions in the respective topic areas. More considerations will be added over the course of discussion. This is by no means all that needs to be considered by the committee.

Discussions are be based in the framework of sustainably supporting *VH's Three Primary Economies*:



Reoccurring considerations for each discussion are:

Zoning, Code, Ordinances	Broadband	Sea Level Rise	Community, Cultural, Functional	Historical	Values Alignment
What should be retained, what should be altered? Added?	Downtown infrastructure should include cable for future BB use	Improvements and changes must consider Sea Level Rise per the recs. SLR Committee	Current and future	What historical aspects are relevant/essential?	Do all recommendations align with Sustainable VH Values? ¹

6pm Meeting Adjourned

Notes: Hooper gone after 10/18. David gone after 11/8.

View the PDF powerpoint for this meeting by [clicking HERE](#).

¹ VH Values

- Supports and strengthens our year-round community
- Values our heritage (lobstering and independence)
- Sustains island diversity, including young people
- Enhances our sense of community and civic engagement
- Protects the island's natural resources and beauty
- Prioritizes small, locally owned and home businesses
- Includes a thriving Main Street