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North Kingstown, RI

**Route 2 and 102**

**Stakeholder Visioning Process**

Meeting 1: August 23, 2012

Introductions, Key Issues & Current Situation



# Meeting Agenda

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- 5:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 5:45 Purpose of this Process & Process Overview
- 6:20 Key Issues for Future Discussion
- 7:20 The Context: Overview of the Current Situation
- 8:00 Visioning Process Geographic Scope
- 8:15 Public Comment
- 8:25 Wrap Up / Stakeholder Group Business
- 8:30 Adjourn

# Meeting Objectives

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- Kick off the process!
- Get to know participants & key perspectives
- Discuss operating procedures
- Develop a list of issues for future discussions
- Review current context (comp plan, zoning, etc.)
- Decide on the geographic boundary

# Introductions

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- Project Team
  - Ona Ferguson – facilitator
  - Jared Weaver – note taker
  - Nate Kelly – technical advisor
  - Peter Flinker – technical advisor
  - NK Planning Department team – Jon Reiner, Becky Lamond, Nicole Bourassa
- Stakeholder Group Introductions
  - Please give your name and affiliation

# Process Overview: Stakeholder Group

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- Members appointed by NK Town Council
- 16 members representing diverse perspectives
- 11 voting, 5 ex officio (non-voting)
  - 4 Residential/rural
  - 4 Business/development
  - 2 Conservation
  - 1 Healthy Places / Town
  - 2 NK Planning Dept & Commission (ex officio)
  - 2 Exeter Planning Dept & Commission (ex officio)
  - 1 NK Economic Development (ex officio)

# Group Business / How the Group will work

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- Sign in sheet – what contact info can be public?
- Meetings are public, and workgroups with >6 ppl
- Facilitator will develop agendas, lead meetings, produce meeting summaries
- Agendas designed for robust discussion
- Name placards
- Participation/attendance
  - Attend all meetings if possible, let us know if you can't
  - Catch up if you must miss a meeting
  - Discuss: alternates?

# General Fall Schedule & Communication

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- 3 Stakeholder Group Meetings (Aug-Sept)
- 2 Public Workshops, online opportunity for input & one neighbor meeting (Sept/Oct)
- 2-3 more Stakeholder Group Meetings (Oct/Nov)

Goal is to be efficient and do good work together.

Most Stakeholder Group & facilitator communication will be via email and phone.

# Member Roles and Responsibilities

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- Inform & represent your constituencies
- Strive to work together well with other members
- Attend all scheduled meetings & activities
- Uphold principles of decency, civility & tolerance
- Speak one at a time
- Express your / your constituency's views
- Refrain from personal attacks
- Help us stay on track with the agenda

# Facilitator Roles & Responsibilities

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- Manage the process, facilitate meetings
- Communicate clearly
- Plan agendas & develop meeting summaries
- Help participants work together, explore and resolve differences where possible
- Hold confidence
- Facilitator has no decision-making authority
- Maintain impartiality toward participants

# Media & Public Communications

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- Members may speak to the media (post online, etc) on behalf of themselves, not on behalf of other constituencies or of the group as a whole
- Film & audio equipment must remain stationary
- Media are requested not to interrupt group discussions

# Plan for Engaging the Public

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- Webpage with all mtg materials & dates
- Stakeholder group meetings are open to public
- 2 public workshops, linked w/ online engagement
- Stakeholder Group contact info public, so people can contact those who can best represent their interests
- Members are encouraged to seek input from their constituents and colleagues
- Project Team may be contacted any time

# Voting, Decision Making & Decision Rule

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- Final decision will be a package / combination
- Voting & ad hoc members will both participate fully, but only voting members will weigh in at key decision points.
- Decision Rule:
  - Proposal: unanimity where possible, settle for agreement as 75% of those present for key decisions.
  - Consent means you can at least accept it.
  - You may abstain/stand aside, to avoid offering agreement without blocking the agreement. Absence = abstention.
  - On topics where no consensus is reached, group members will explore the reason for disagreement.
  - The final report will capture agreement and the range of opinions on topics where there is no agreement.
  - No Robert's Rules of Order

# Input / Agreement on Operating Procedures

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- Is the group comfortable agreeing to these Operating Procedures as is, or with changes as suggested?

# Key Issues for Future Discussion

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- Round robin, 3 minutes each
- To answer these questions:
  1. **What do you hope to see as a result of this process? What opportunities do we have now?**
  1. **What topics do we need to work through as a group? What issues need to be resolved?**

# Visioning Process Geographic Scope

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We need to figure out what geographic area this group is discussing.

- 1. What should we consider when deciding what to include (criteria)?**
- 1. What core area should be considered for future change?**
- 1. What areas will be affected by what happens at this intersection / what areas should we keep in mind?**

# Public Comment

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- Please be constructive, provide ideas, suggestions
- 3 minutes max

# Stakeholder Group Business & Adjourn

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- Venue: Senior Ctr, Community Ctr, Middle School
- Timing ok?
- Upcoming meetings:
  - Thursday Sept 6 - only 1 member unavailable
  - Week of Sept 24 – indicate days you *can't* participate
- Site visit
- Suggestions about the week for public workshop?
- Other feedback?
- Next steps

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# Adjourn