

## **North 40 Steering Committee Organization and Charge**

### **Overview**

The Board of Selectmen has determined there is an interest in studying the acquisition of the Wellesley College property known as the North 40 for the potential purpose of addressing a number of municipal needs. In determining whether it is in the Town's best interest to pursue acquisition of the property, the Selectmen find it is necessary to conduct a comprehensive study or visioning analysis to consider the opportunities and impacts on the Town's services, resources, and assets. As such the Selectmen will appoint a Study Committee.

### **Composition/Membership of the Study Committee**

The Committee will be comprised of representatives from the following Town Boards of which each board will have one (1) vote, regardless of the number of representatives:

- Selectmen (2 reps)
- School Committee (2)
- Planning Board (2)
- CPC (1)
- Board of Public Works (1)
- Recreation (1)
- Wellesley Housing Development Corporation (1)
- Natural Resources Commission (1)

Additionally, two (2) representatives from the neighborhood will be appointed. One representative of the Woodlands/Generals neighborhood, one representative from the Weston Road neighborhood each having an individual vote.

### **Staff to the Committee**

The Selectmen request participation of the following Town staff to the Committee:

- Executive Director
- Selectmen Staff
- Planning Director
- DPW Director
- Town Engineer
- Superintendent of Schools
- Deputy Chief of Police

### **Charge to the Committee**

The Committee will be charged with recommending to the Board of Selectmen whether the acquisition of the property for the development of municipal uses and purposes

should be pursued. The Committee shall investigate, analyze, and report on the following to the Board of Selectmen:

1. Whether the ability to develop/locate municipal uses on the property satisfies an existing identified need.
2. Whether the site is appropriate for the location of municipal uses, and if so, what uses should be considered to be located on the site.
3. If the Committee determines it is appropriate to relocate and/or consolidate existing uses on the site, whether vacated sites should be repurposed for other municipal purposes or monetized to offset short term and long term costs of the acquisition and/or development of the property. This evaluation should be conducted on a town-wide scale.
4. If the Committee determines it is appropriate to relocate and/or consolidate existing uses on the site what will be the municipal systems impacts (traffic, water, sewer, stormwater, etc) and the potential neighborhood impacts relative to project appearance, access, noise, traffic, parking, lighting, landscape buffers, screening, etc. for the various uses proposed.
5. Whether the relocation and/or consolidation of existing uses to the site would have an impact on Town assets including maintenance costs and responsibilities.
6. Whether municipal uses in planning stages are better located on the subject property.
7. Whether there are any environmental issues on the property which may negatively impact the Town's ownership and development of the property.

### **Resources Appropriated to the Committee**

The Selectmen recommend that the Committee consider engaging one or more consultants to assist in the Study. The Town will allocate a total of \$00,000 from funds appropriated from the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Planning Board to undertake this Study.