



Memorandum

To: Zoning & Planning Committee
From: Susan Albright, Chair
Re: Washington Street Vision Plan and Zoning Ordinance
Date: February 22, 2019

I'm writing about our Washington Street work. First – the public comment period on the 2nd draft of the Vision Plan ends on March 12th. Please let your constituents know about this. Here is a link to the online version of the [Vision Plan](#). People may put their comments right into the document.

Secondly, we will have our first discussion on the 2nd draft Vision Plan at our meeting on March 25th (as the zoning ordinance is directly based on the Plan, it makes sense to start with the Plan). We only have 3 meetings devoted to Washington Street before the next and final draft, so we want to make each meeting highly productive. (We will schedule a couple of extra meetings but more about that later). The Planning Staff have offered to help us by integrating our comments into a single page-by-page document so that we can smartly work our way through the document during our meetings. Please try to get your digital (or even handwritten) comments to the Planning staff by Wednesday March 20th. Send them to Lily at lreynolds@newtonma.gov. Even if you are unable to get comments in by March 20th, please bring your comments to the March 25th meeting.

Karyn has sent us a series of possible dates for extra meetings. The ones that worked best are April 4th and May 9th (not everyone can come to each meeting but most of us can be available on these dates). Please put these dates in your calendars. The meetings reserved for Washington Street are March 25th, April 4th, and April 8th. We need to get our comments back to the Principle Group so they can be incorporated in the 3rd and final draft, which will be delivered to us on April 22nd.

Thanks so much for digging into the Vision Plan. I know you are aware of how important this work is.

cc. Karyn Dean
City Council