

Summary

Tisbury Vision Planning Workshop 1: Opportunities

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This summary is based on the full transcription of the workshop flip charts and individual participant note cards. The full transcription is available at the Tisbury Planning Board. This list of opportunities begins with ideas that were mentioned most frequently and ends with those that received fewer comments. Red text indicates opportunities that were expressed by a significant number of participants

I. GOVERNMENT

Opportunity: for citizens, officials, town boards to rethink and improve town government

- ⇒ More citizen involvement through on-going community meetings, increased awareness of issues, participation in boards--both residents and seasonal
- ⇒ Consider new ideas about town meetings--secret ballots, and votes only on policy issues
- ⇒ Consider new ideas about governance--term limits, tenure, and employee performance
- ⇒ Better communication between boards and departments--one central location

Opportunity: to explore new ways of generating revenue

- ⇒ I identify new sources of money for town - Parking meters, public trolley, package store
- ⇒ Develop alternative economic institutions - community college, enterprise zones
- ⇒ Encourage and support entrepreneurial spirit of business community
- ⇒ Get public behind CPA funding
- ⇒ Grant writing to support community projects

Opportunity: to improve financial planning

- ⇒ Prioritize town spending

⇒ Restructure tax base

Opportunity: to support planning

- ⇒ Comprehensive, long-range study of commercial and residential development
- ⇒ Reexamine zoning: more town mixed use areas, affordable housing, town center issues, waterfront access and development
- ⇒ Plan and Implement Harbor Walk
- ⇒ Zoning based on protection of water quality to monitor waste water and protect fisheries
- ⇒ Provide incentives and guidelines to encourage desired development
- ⇒ Planning for the Tisbury School -- renovation, new construction, location

II. Infrastructure

Opportunity: to develop a coherent, long-term overhaul of infrastructure, not piecemeal actions

Alleviating traffic congestion

- ⇒ A traffic study
- ⇒ Connector road network
- ⇒ Bypass for bikes and cars (to town not thru town)
- ⇒ Enhanced public transportation and shuttle buses
- ⇒ Solving 5 corners by partnering with Mass DOT
- ⇒ Partnering with SAS on traffic flow from ferry to town
- ⇒ Police on ground

Recognizing Tisbury as a transportation hub

- ⇒ Reaching out to other towns who use our infrastructure to recognize Tisbury as a gateway to the island
- ⇒ Exploring regionalization: consolidation of services
- ⇒ Key to town identity: gateway, historic town, year round community

Expanding parking

- ⇒ Better use of existing lots
- ⇒ Create multi-story parking
- ⇒ More use of shuttle buses
- ⇒ A park and ride into town

Making walking and biking safer and pleasurable

- ⇒ Safe bike paths in town and thru town
- ⇒ Network of bike paths connected to rest of island
- ⇒ Safer walking paths and more sidewalks
- ⇒ Enhanced pedestrian access to Main Street /town from SSA terminal using public land and open space
- ⇒ Explore passenger and bike ferry locations in VH and OB

Installing more sewers

- ⇒ To reduce nitrogen loading in Tashmoo neighborhood and west side of Lagoon and in connector road area

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Developing alternative energy

- ⇒ Goal: energy efficiency in town buildings and vehicles and in new construction
- ⇒ Reduce energy dependence and promote renewable energy-solar, electric

III. DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

Opportunity: to create a year-round, vibrant downtown which, attracts businesses, visitors and island residents

- ⇒ Promote Tisbury as a cultural district--Museum, theatres, library, galleries as well as an historic district
- ⇒ Invest in Visitor's Center, grant writer, marketing
- ⇒ Consider the Museum as a possible community center and as a repository of island history, which can strengthen Tisbury as the gateway to MV
- ⇒ Reduce vacancy and get rid of blight: reinvent Capawock, improve Stop and Shop while keeping same footprint,
- ⇒ Provide affordable commercial spaces for year-round businesses
- ⇒ Create pedestrian-friendly public areas: benches, trees, safer cross walks
- ⇒ Consider upper State Road and waterfront/Beach Road in commercial and pedestrian planning

IV. HARBOR AND WATERFRONT

Opportunity: to strengthen both our working waterfront and our public waterfront

- ⇒ Develop and capitalize on Tisbury's essential economic asset--our harbor

and marine industries

- ⇒ Promote Tisbury's identity as a gateway to the island
- ⇒ Create the Harbor Walk--drawbridge to ferry
- ⇒ Improve public access to waterfront--pedestrian, bike, boats
- ⇒ Make Boch Park/Beach Road more accessible

V. PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE

Opportunity: to improve and develop parks and open spaces

- ⇒ Increase access to and use of existing parks
- ⇒ Create different types of parks such as pocket parks
- ⇒ Invest in public spaces for residents and visitors such as mini parks downtown
- ⇒ Identify Tashmoo Park and Overlook as official town park
- ⇒ Explore how public land could be used to create open spaces from the SSA terminal to Main Street corridor

VI. DEMOGRAPHICS AND COMMUNITY

Opportunity: to draw on Tisbury's people resources

- ⇒ Commitment of a year round community
- ⇒ Diverse population cultural differences, skilled professionals, retirees, crafts people
- ⇒ Sense of community: volunteerism, non-profits, churches

Opportunity: to support diverse population

- ⇒ Address need for affordable housing by repurposing of larger homes and creative land use/zoning