

Planning Board Members comments from Steering Committee & Planning Board Meeting

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Casey Hayward:

- Coastal Engineering- in particular Wetlands, preventing damage from Nor'easters
- Flooding concerns at Veterans Park and other lowlands, as well the harbor and effect on aquaculture and oyster reefs in particular
- A creative solution might be to consider changing the shape, topography, and network of the Roadways in anticipation of sea level rise

Ben Robinson:

- The Waterfront Commercial District is and should continue to be a Dynamic Area. Facing incremental sea level rise as an opportunity to engage in the process and develop flexible solutions. Maintaining water dependent businesses needs to be a flexible and creative endeavor literally and figuratively. This includes considerations of the actual structures as well as their usage capacity during the industrious working seasons, but not at the expense of the seasonal tourist potential they could provide.
- Conceptualize blending Tourism with a working waterfront- enhance this aspect of exhibiting the seafaring way of life as entertainment, including aquaculture, boatbuilding, and waterway transportation. This Dynamic experience of the working Waterfront in real time allows us the opportunity to engage rather than react. This might allow for increased density by inserting changes that won't disrupt what is currently working and already exists.
- What is the role of the State in "filling in the Wetlands" both actual and financial. Is this filled land viable?

Cheryl Doble:

- To Consider Development which allows for the possibility and inevitability of flooding going forward.
- Concerned with the lack of Public Access Spaces in the Main Street and Waterfront Districts.
- Hoping to garner a clearer understanding of the economic aspects of these project proposals, understanding that this is a predominantly working class Town with an already overburdened Tax Base.
- Looking to get a clearer understanding of the B2 District and Potential Connector Road. Less theory, more practical comprehension of where exactly this might go and how it will affect already existing business and light industry in the area. Encourage feedback and Discussion with residents and business owners in the area. What is their experience of what is working and what could be expanded upon.

Elaine Miller:

- Concerned with Tisbury's inability to implement and follow through on past and current ideas- businesses like Vineyard Wind and the Stop and Shop appear to be getting their projects underway. Could the Town learn from their perceived ability to move projects forward? Might the Town partner with Downtown Businesses in an effort to mobilize and follow through?
- Relationships with Tisbury's big business owners ie: SSA, VTA, PO, Stop and Shop, etc.
- Underutilized areas of interest including Veterans Park, Municipal Parking, and others.
- Balancing Eminent Domain with the needs and hopes of the Landowners and the Voters.