

Natick 360

Honoring Our Past. Planning Our Future.



September 4, 2007

Chairmen
Natick 360 Sponsoring Boards and Committees

Dear Mme. or Mr. Chairman:

The Natick 360 strategic planning process has spent the last year gathering input from the sponsoring boards and committees, the community at large and from informed stakeholders. You have come to agreement about the Town's values, vision and strategic options. We have asked opinions from a random sample of Natick residents representing our population as a whole, and we have heard from others in the community who completed the survey out of interest in the process. All of this information has been made available to you.

In addition to the data that we have gathered, each of you as a community leader and member of a board or committee has had a chance to think about what should be included in Natick's strategic plan, perhaps even thinking about things that were not—but should have been—included in the earlier discussions.

Your task now is to weigh all the data and your own experience and opinions to come up with a plan that you can personally support to your neighbors and friends, a plan for the future that you and your board or committee can mobilize around, that you can put on the agenda for action.

Given all the data and your understanding of the issues facing Natick, we ask that you list the strategic goals and objectives that you believe should be a part of the overall plan for Natick. The list need not be limited to what we have considered so far. It does need to list goals and objectives that you can support.

Also, you do not need to limit your consideration to issues under your board or committee jurisdiction; rather, you may consider what is necessary to move Natick toward its vision. In November we will ask you to support the entire strategic plan as a document that is good for all of Natick and not just the parts in your board's or committee's purview.

During your meeting the week of September 17-20, we will work with your board or committee to develop a consensus around your priorities. Each group will create its own set of priorities. SPOC will propose a process for building agreement on the final strategic plan elements. An agenda for these meetings is attached, as is a worksheet that we ask that you distribute to your board and committee members in advance of the September 17-20 meetings.

We look forward to working with you September 17-20.

Sincerely,

Craig Ross and David Parish
Natick 360 Co-Chairs

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Board and Committee Workshops
September 17-20, 2007
Agenda



Introduction (10 minutes)

Discussion of survey results (30 minutes)

- What stands out to you?
- What was a surprise?

Identify strategic priorities and means of accomplishment. (90 minutes)

Wrap up (20 minutes)

Adjourn

**Sponsor Boards and
Committees Meetings**

School Committee

7:30 p.m. Monday Sept. 17

Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 18

Planning Board

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19

Board of Selectmen

5:00 p.m. Thursday Sept. 20

Conservation Commission

To be scheduled

Board and Committee Member Strategic Planning Worksheet

To prepare for the strategic planning work session scheduled with your board or committee, please complete the worksheet that follows.

Also, please...

- Review the Natick Value and Vision Statements
(available at: http://www.natick360.org/Value_and_Vision_Statements.Ver3B.pdf).
- Review the Strategic Options report
(http://www.natick360.org/Strategic_Options_v4_1_060607.pdf).
- Review the Community Survey Results (<http://www.natick360.org/ETC/>).

Based upon your review of these documents and your sense of the needs of the Town, please list what you would like to see accomplished over the next five years (those areas where you feel time and resources should be allocated). Also, briefly explain actions that might be taken to implement your recommendations.

For example, you might want the Town to take steps to improve traffic flow on major routes. One way to accomplish this goal might be to encourage State Legislators to work with the Mass. Highway Division to move Rte. 9 improvements to a higher priority in the queue. Here's how this example might appear on the worksheet form:

What do you want Natick to accomplish?	How do you want to accomplish it?	When?
Improve traffic flows on major routes.	Work with State Legislators to encourage the Mass. Highway Division to move Rte. 9 improvements to a higher priority in the queue.	Sooner (1-2 years)

Please note whether each recommendation should be undertaken sooner (years 1-2 years), later (years 3-5), or during the next planning cycle (6+ years).

Please bring your worksheet to the scheduled strategic planning work session for your board or committee. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please make sure that the chair of your board or committee receives your worksheet in advance of the meeting to ensure that your voice is heard.

Boards and Committees Member Worksheet

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