

# Natick 360

Honoring Our Past. Planning Our Future.



## Phase 3 *Our Strategic Choices* Process and Calendar

### ***Natick 360, Phase 3: Our Strategic Choices***

Phase 3 of the *Natick 360* strategic planning process, *Our Strategic Choices* will result in menus of choices to present to the public in workshops June 8-10, 2007. These choices will include policies, programs and projects, arrayed under 2-4 scenarios within 10-14 focus areas. Input from the five sponsoring boards and committees on these policies, programs and projects is essential to the success of *Natick 360*.

Each policy, program and project will eventually be associated with estimated costs per average household per year, so that as people make their choices, they can weigh both the benefits and costs of their decisions.

### **March 12: Focus Areas and Scenarios Fixed**

Based on information provided by the boards and committees in their February joint meetings, the strategic planning consultants will work with the Strategic Planning Oversight Committee (SPOC) to list scenarios within focus areas. SPOC is scheduled to accept this preliminary list March 12.

### **March 20-27: Preliminary Board and Committee Input**

SPOC members will meet with the five sponsoring boards and committees the week of March 20-27 to obtain preliminary input on policies, programs and projects that will implement each of the scenarios. SPOC members will return the input to the consultants March 28.

### **March 28-29: Consultants Finalize Scenarios**

The strategic planning consultants will produce the final documents for review by the five sponsoring boards and committees the next week. The documents will describe each focus area and each scenario, and list the policies, programs and project within the scenarios, based on preliminary input from boards and committees members the week before. They will not yet contain cost information, which will be developed later. SPOC members will send the document to boards and committees members March 30.

### **April 3-5: Joint Meetings of Boards and Committees**

Members of the five sponsoring boards and committees are invited to meet jointly Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, April 3, 4 or 5, at 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room, Town Hall, to provide input on ways to implement the scenarios. Members may attend any of the three evening sessions; the agenda will be the same for each meeting. The result will be a list of policies, programs and projects to implement each of the scenarios.

### ***Natick 360***

*Natick 360* is the Town of Natick's strategic planning process. It has four phases:

1. Our Community Yesterday and Today.
2. Our Vision and Values
3. Our Strategic Choices
4. Our Strategic Plan

The result of this process, a five-year strategic plan for the Town of Natick, will be considered for acceptance at the October 2007 Town Meeting.

The *Natick 360* process is sponsored by 5 Natick boards and committees:

- Board of Selectmen,
- Conservation Commission,
- Finance Committee,
- Planning Board, and
- School Committee.

*Natick 360* is overseen by a Strategic Planning Oversight Committee (SPOC). Five members are designated by the sponsoring boards and committees, and four members are at-large. Strategic planning consultants, Blackerby Associates, manage and facilitate the process.

## Calendar of Events

March – April 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				March 1	2	3
4	5	6	7 SPOC meeting	8	9 Consultant recommends focus areas, scenarios	10
11	12 Special SPOC meeting to accept focus areas, scenarios	13	14	15	16 Consultant completes descriptions of focus areas, scenarios	17
18	19 Special SPOC mtg. to accept descriptions of focus areas, scenarios	20 Consultant prepares final descriptions of focus areas, scenarios	21 SPOC Mem- bers send document to B&C Mem- bers for input	22 SPOC Mem- bers seek pre- liminary input from B&C Members	23 SPOC Mem- bers seek pre- liminary input from B&C Members	24
25	26 SPOC Mem- bers seek pre- liminary input from B&C Members	27 Elections SPOC Mem- bers seek pre- liminary input from B&C Members	28 SPOC Members return input to consultants	29 Consultant consolidates input into a single docu- ment	30 Document sent to B&C members for review prior to joint meetings	31
April 1	2 Passover	3 Joint Boards & Committees Meeting	4 Joint Boards & Committees Meeting	5 Joint Boards & Committees Meeting	6 Good Friday	7