

Attention Brewster Voters!

Attend November Town Meeting and Make Your Voices Heard on Brewster's Local Comprehensive Plan

Submitted by Brewster's Vision Planning Committee, October 2023

You have an opportunity to consider and vote on Brewster's Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) at **Town Meeting on November 13**.

What's an LCP and why do we need one? The LCP is an important planning document for Brewster. It is a way for the community to prepare proactively for the future by balancing priorities and issues we care about as a community. The LCP defines those priority areas — such as community character, housing, economic growth, water supply, and climate change — as Building Blocks.

Based on extensive citizen input and the Town's 2018 Vision Plan, the LCP was crafted by a committee of resident volunteers. The Plan is not binding regulation. Rather it provides recommendations and guidance for decision-making by elected officials and Town management. These recommendations are included in the LCP Action Plan.

The Action Plan is the heart of the LCP. Of the plan's 90+ pages, the ten pages comprising the Action Plan are the most important for you to read as a voter! The Action Plan shows the range of issues Brewster citizens have deemed important to discuss and tackle in the coming decade and beyond. -Potential strategies outlined in the Action Plan are not an exhaustive list of the ways the Town could advance LCP goals but rather citizen-based guidelines for decision-making. Adoption of the LCP is not the end but rather the continuation of conversation Town officials will have with residents about these recommended actions. It is important to note that any actions involving bylaw changes or appropriations will go to Town Meeting for your vote.

The plan was presented to Town Meeting last November but returned to committee because of resident concerns regarding a proposed Wing Island boardwalk. Based on 2022 Fall Town Meeting and 2023 Special Town Meeting outcomes, **all mentions of pursuing a proposed boardwalk have been removed from the plan**. We have also updated the content and made it easier to read.

The LCP, FAQ and related documents can be found on the Town website: www.brewster-ma.gov/local-comprehensive-plan Please send any questions to us at brewplan@brewster-ma.gov. And don't forget to attend Town Meeting on November 13!

Respectfully,

Brewster Vision Planning Committee