

Vision Planning Committee Charge

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This charge is an update to the current Vision Planning Committee charge adopted by the Select Board on August 19, 2019, with a focus on finalizing a draft Local Comprehensive Plan for Town Meeting consideration.

PURPOSE: The Vision Planning Committee (VPC) will prepare a draft Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) to recommend to Town Meeting for adoption. To this end, the VPC will conduct public outreach, education, and communication about the LCP and the process for its preparation and adoption. The VPC is an ad hoc committee, advisory to the Select Board.

APPROACH: The Goals established under the 2018 Brewster Vision Plan will serve as the basic framework for the LCP. The VPC will also develop the LCP in consideration of: input from the community and Town officials; work on the LCP to date; generally accepted comprehensive planning best practices, principles and policies; and relevant guidance under State and County laws and regulations relating to comprehensive land use plans.

Upon completion of the draft LCP, the VPC will recommend it to the Brewster Select Board and Brewster Planning Board who will hold a public hearing and consider endorsement, subject to any amendments by the Boards, prior to the LCP being submitted to Town Meeting for a vote on its adoption. After Town Meeting adoption, the Select Board may elect to submit the LCP to the Cape Cod Commission for a certification of its consistency with the Barnstable County Regional Policy Plan, or to file the LCP with the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), or both.

MEMBERSHIP: The VPC will consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Select Board and will include: one (1) former Vision Advisory Group member; two (2) current Planning Board members; and four (4) members from the community at-large. Appointments, or reappointments, will be for one (1) year terms beginning July 1, provided that incumbents appointed to terms longer than one year shall continue to serve for the terms appointed. The Select Board will make appointments to fill vacancies as soon as is practicable. The Select Board will annually appoint a liaison to the VPC. The VPC will be supported by Planning Department staff. Other Town Staff may be made available to the VPC by the Town Manager as necessary or desirable. The VPC will continue to be empaneled until discharged either upon the vote of the Select Board or upon adoption of the LCP.
