

## Public Workshops – Healthy, Livable Neighborhoods

### Workshop #1 October 20, 2021

#### Group one responses

- The hallmarks of a livable neighborhood include diversity, multi-generational, walkable, gathering areas, lower number of second homeowners, affordable housing, year round community, mixed use of commercial & residential, sidewalks, senior housing with mixed uses, childcare & daycare available, dog parks
- Things missing from our neighborhoods currently include parks, bike lanes, mixed age housing
- Would like to see reduced speed on 6A
- Bikes lanes from Tupper to Jarvis
- Hoxie House Hill Bandstand
- Develop tiers with tables and seats overlooking Shawme Pond

#### Group two responses

- The hallmarks of a livable neighborhood include sidewalks, coffee shops, bike paths, connectivity to schools & shopping centers, trails, diversity, multi-generational, sustainability, multi-use
- Issues: Air B&B's, no affordable workforce housing, potential for introducing "green" neighborhoods with community solar and composting, need more public transport.

#### General discussion notes

- Green communities, reducing our emissions, encourage EV charging, community composting
- Recognize climate change
- Implement community solar
- Reduce automobile usage
- Increase diversity and multi-generational neighborhoods
- Mixed age housing and mixed income
- Promote more year round housing
- Create more sidewalks
- Access to childcare
- Lack of picnic table and trash cans in our parks
- Need for a dog park
- Reduce speeds in the Village
- Mixed use and expansion in our business district
- Need for compact studios and tiny homes
- Secrecy – there needs to be a central database for what amenities and opportunities we have in town
- Need more signage to show residents where amenities and parks etc. are
- Repurpose existing commercial areas into mixed use areas
- Need middle income housing

- What the group liked about there neighborhoods: young families coming in, historic charm, trees, walkability, density that we see in the village, quietness, walk to am amenities

\*Important to note all those who participated lived in or around the village. \*

### Workshop #2 October 23, 2021

Group discussion:

- We need more young families with children
- Need more sidewalks
- Need to incentivize affordable housing
- Large discussion surrounding diversity in town
- Business should facilitate internships for young people in town
- Why are we not a Green Community?
- Group were fine increasing density to allow for duplexes on acre lots as long as they looked tasteful. Should not be targeted to one area of town, should be allowed town wide.

What are your likes and dislikes about your neighborhood?

- Service Road resident: Likes privacy and 1-acre zoning but is okay with tasteful clustered development that is Cape Cod style. Safety concerns, need to reduce speed on service road and implement sidewalks. There is a need for more civic engagement, matters in town are highly complex and it's hard to find information on it.
- East Sandwich resident: likes access to the beach, openness and quietness. Need for more sidewalks as neighborhood is not walkable.
- Village Resident: Likes village atmosphere& walkability. Incentivize fixing up dilapidated historic homes. Too many restrictions on historic homes.