

Public Workshops – Cultural and Recreational Opportunities

Workshop #1 December 1, 2021

Group one responses:

- Great cultural and historic sites & museums, thriving art community. Major factor drawing people to town but also is enjoyed by the residents
- Recreational assets include the canal, beaches, conservation land and our natural beauty
- Recreation has been improved by the pickleball courts, BMX track and disc golf
- Recreation focused on “green” outdoor activities – green economy
- Golf course
- Jumping off the Boardwalk
- We should create stadium seating at Shawme Pond
- We need to reintroduce a town band
- Make a plan for Town Hall and Thornton Burgess
- Pump track

Group two responses:

- All of the above plus Sandwich Community TV is a great asset. Also Sandwich Knight Theatre Group, antique shops, bars, holiday giants and restaurants add to our culture.
- Arts Alliance is a great asset
- Town Neck beach should have a bathroom and snack shop like Sandy Neck
- We need to expand the usage of Oak Crest Cove
- Maintain quality control of businesses allowed in Sandwich
- We need more communication to visitors and residents about our recreational district. We need more access to our sporting fields
- We are lacking indoor space
- Miss the Community School

Group three responses:

- All of the above. In addition, growing arts community: high school, SSA, multi-media, SCTV
- Lack of connecting bike trails
- Need more information about where to launch a boat or kayak
- Fields behind Oak Ridge and Forestdale have deteriorated
- Need more gym space
- Need more kids programming
- Town needs to have clearer messaging and a number to call for information
- We need to fill vacant buildings
- Reduce Sandy Neck fee
- The Town needs to be more open to new ideas
- CPC funds should be used for cultural opportunities

General discussion notes:

- Upkeep of fields – discussion about the Wing School bandstand
- Capitalize on Town owned historic sites
- Parking signage needed – we could use the Wing School parking lot more
- Outdoor theatre
- Need to fund a cultural director position – large discussion about this
- Need to highlight our assets, make the community aware of all our open space
- Digital trail maps – promote our conservation land more
- Sandwich Hollows zipline
- Dog Park
- Town website is not easy to navigate
- Make old Town Hall a period speakeasy
- More classes for adults needed

Workshop #2 December 4, 2021

Group one responses:

- Cultural Assets: historic buildings, glass museum, Green Briar, Heritage Gardens, boardwalk
- Recreational Assets: pickleball courts, skate park, Scorton Creek
- Missing: historical center, Scorton Creek access and parking, need for more historical placards around town, free town attraction maps
- Need to capitalize on little known places such as: Women finishing school, Juneteenth sites, glass history
- Could create a festival like New Bedford Art History Architecture nights (AHA)
- Welcome packet for new residents about town landscapes, history and recreation
- Need more public parks with picnic tables
- Next 10 years:
- develop a plan for the Golden triangle, create a town history festival, create a cultural event calendar, close down Main Street for Halloween, Winter Holiday Events e.g. map/tours of the Giants
- Create a horticulture club
- More informational sessions regarding new things in town e.g. senior center
- Town needs to inform the community more of all the great things they are doing
- More info on freshwater beaches and activities
- Shop small / Shop Local Initiatives

Group two responses:

- Cultural Assets: History, museums, Hoxie House, Gristmill, Glass Museum, Heritage, Friends Meeting House, Nye Homestead, Fort Wing House, Green Briar
- Visual Artists: Arts Alliance, Collection on Jarves, Jarves Gallery. We need more galleries and glass artists
- School – improve theatre and music
- Town Hall – more performances, glass town players, square dance, more access to TH, poetry slams.

- Historic Walking Architecture tours –Deacon Eldred, worker’s history in Jarvesville, Glass town house
- Recreational Assets: Beaches, skate park, BMX, pickleball, conservation walking trails, bike path, Oak Crest Cove, Peter’s Pond
- Need more messaging around our recreational assets
- Make facilities more accessible
- Increase Wampanoag presence downtown
- Need more access to the community pool
- Need more maps
- Need sidewalks and parking
- Need to introduce artists’ studios
- Architecture tours
- More diversity
- More public art
- Create a new position to manage our cultural assets

Group three responses:

- Cultural Assets: Nye, Friends, Fort Wayne, visual arts, Arts Alliance, galleries, overall architecture, walking tours
- Recreational Assets: Beach, BMX, skate park, Oak Crest Cove
- Need more messaging about our assets
- School performing arts have decreased
- Bike paths and parking needed
- Fix existing sidewalks
- GPS maps needed
- Art street shows and a town theatre needed
- Cape flyer stop
- Main street festivals with food trucks
- Take advantage of volunteers
- Information packets
- Guided tours of conservation
- More performances at town hall
- Glass town art performances
- Poetry slams
- Historic internships
- Beautification program