

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: May 20, 2016  
 To: Mark Carruolo  
 Steering Committee members  
 From: Emily Keys Innes LEED AP ND  
 RE: **Summary of Results from April 28 Public Forum**  
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**Visioning Exercise**

<b>For me, West Warwick is...</b>	<b>In 2025, it will be...</b>
a diamond in the rough	polished
My home. Where I was born. Where I raised my family. Tight-knit community.	Better. More small businesses with better, well light, clean roads and parks. Restaurants. Specialty shops.
My "village" – Arctic, Phenix, Crompton	A more diversified cultural community for Arts, Culture, History, creating local employment, jobs

**Feedback Exercise**

<b>I want to know...</b>	<b>I want you to know...</b>
	The floodplain map showing 0.2% chance of flood at the bend in the N/ Branch Pawtuxet River @ East Main St. + Main St. is wrong. In 2010 the whole area was under <u>many</u> feet of water.
	The townwide inclusion of multi-family zoning is adding to haphazard residential growth. How do we go about changing that so that multi-family will be allowed only in set areas.
How to ensure more diversified representation to phase 3. Difference between "Comprehensive/Strategic Plan"?	

## Data Walk

### Questions identified on the Maps:

- No comments on maps

## Prioritization Exercise

### Transportation

#	2005 Goal	Votes
1	To provide West Warwick with a safe, convenient, integrated full service transportation system sufficient to meet the daily travel needs of the Town's residents and to furnish access to local and statewide business and industry and to the regional transportation network.	2
2	Provide a network of state and local streets and roadways that are well-maintained, safe, convenient, uncongested and pleasant to travel on to enhance the Town's image and its commerce.	1
3	To provide public transportation as a viable alternative to serve those citizens without automobiles, to help reduce traffic congestion, reduce transportation energy consumption, and to reduce air pollution impacts.	2
4	To provide transportation service to the elderly and the handicapped for whom the use of the automobiles and fixed route public transportation is not feasible for trips relating to meals, health care and other necessary services.	
5	Enhance access to municipal offices and commercial businesses in the Arctic Business District through a system of strategically located and well-maintained and operated parking lots.	3
6	To make West Warwick a community with safe and efficient pedestrian access and safe road design in village neighborhoods, suburban developments and in village centers, and promote tourist and recreational activities through improved pedestrian facilities.	3
7	Preserve rail rights-of-way for reuse as walking and/or biking trails for the public good.	
8	Develop bicycle transportation and related facilities to provide a viable alternative mode for local trips and with regional connections where possible to help eliminate traffic congestion, to improve air quality and public health, and to help reduce transportation energy consumption.	3

*Notes*

- Under Comment #1
  - Need cab service
  - Remove old bus schedule signs
- Under Comment #2
  - Cross walk signals improvement
  - Buses go too fast – miss people

Historic and Cultural Resources

#	2005 Goal	Votes
1	To ensure that current and future development does not adversely affect historic or cultural resources of West Warwick.	2
2	To identify and preserve West Warwick’s historic sites, structures, documents and artifacts as representations of the Town’s cultural heritage.	4
3	To promote an appreciation for and understanding of West Warwick’s historic resources.	3

*Notes*

- Under Comment #2
  - Old Post Office Building (2 votes under #2)

*Any Other Priorities?*

- The Gazebo (1 vote)
- Bring cultural foods representing significant contributions to Arctic Center “Bakery”

## Housing

#	2005 Goal	Votes
1	To maximize the quality, accessibility, variety of residential structures and neighborhoods.	1
2	To promote a safe, sanitary and well-constructed housing stock through new construction and renovation of existing structures.	2
3	To encourage a safe and desirable neighborhood atmosphere.	2
4	Encourage existing nonconforming residences to be updated to meet current building codes utilizing various funding sources and programs such as RIHMFC, CDBG funding, etc.	1
5	Provide financial assistance to eligible homeowners in areas of high concentrations of low/moderate income in West Warwick.	4
6	Support the West Warwick Housing Authority in identifying and assisting eligible recipients of state/federal funds toward a safe and healthy housing environment.	4
7	Cooperate with Rhode Island Housing to identify expiring Section 8 subsidized housing projects and work to establish new replacements or maintain existing Section 8 units.	2
8	Support initiatives on the part of the housing authority to provide for disabled housing.	
9	Support initiatives on the part of the housing authority to provide a fair mix of housing alternatives for special needs populations.	

### *Notes*

- Under Comment #5
  - To improve own home – lead paint, etc.

### Economic Development

#	2005 Goal	Votes
1	To encourage revitalization of the older commercial centers of the Town, and promote land uses which contribute positively to the character of the community.	2
2	To promote revitalization and reuse of existing commercial and industrial facilities, particularly the numerous historic mill complexes.	6
3	Encourage selected economic growth and diversification of those economic activities which will provide employment and business growth opportunities.	3
4	To broaden the sources of Town revenue in order to ensure a sound financial future.	1
5	To create a positive atmosphere for the expansion of local economic development activities.	
6	To work toward becoming a fiscally sound, financially well-managed community.	2
7	Redevelop/expand the West Warwick Business Park.	1
8	Restore Arctic Village as a viable commercial center.	3

### *Any Other Priorities?*

- A new Town Hall/Public Safety building (1)
- Under #5:
  - Streamline regulations
  - Small business assistance to encourage bringing new business
  - Art and cultural outlets; photography exhibits

### Natural Hazards and Climate Change

#	2005 Goal	Votes
1	Implement actions which protect the lives and property of West Warwick's residents and businesses.	
2	Implement actions which protect West Warwick's critical facilities and infrastructure.	
3	Implement actions which protect West Warwick's Cultural, historical, natural and economic resources.	3

#### *Notes*

- Comment on #1
  - Too vague
- Comment on #2
  - Too vague

#### *Any Other Priorities?*

- Flooding and drainage
- Lower the taxes on houses and proptys (1 vote)