

Newburyport Master Plan

Cultural Resources Subcommittee Meeting

Date: March 31, 2014 Time: 2pm Location: City Hall Auditorium

In attendance: Lois Honegger, Beth Falconer, Patty St. John, Melissa Volkey

The group reviewed the agenda and the need to create a new chapter in the Newburyport Master Plan.

Significant Achievements

Agreed to work on definition of Cultural Resources to guide future discussion and for inclusion in Master Plan. Proposed defining Newburyport's Cultural Resources as a combination of our:

- Artistic Institutions
- Historic Institutions
- Natural History
- Creative Economy
- Architectural Integrity

Concerns/Questions/Other

We wish to demonstrate the value of Cultural Resources to our community- from the economic impact generated by tourists to the quality of life enjoyed by residents. Master Plan is opportunity to identify areas that require/would benefit from action taken by the City.

Barriers/issues facing cultural resources (beyond financial resources) are parking and lodging. (No overnight tourism potential.

Goals for Next Meeting

Bring three ideas re: objectives for the Master Plan. What do we want the City of Newburyport to do? Where do we want to be in 10 years? 20 years? What strategic, specific steps can be taken?

Overarching statement was we want to protect, enhance, and expand cultural resources.

Assignments

3 ideas/action steps for plan

Email cultural economy language (beth) to group

Next meeting

April 28, 2pm