Town of Barnstable Marstons Mills Elementary School Property Re-Use Concept Presentation

2095 Main Street in Marstons Mills



Project Site

- 14.2 acre site at former school
- 0.8 acre
 vacant parcel
 at 0 Falmouth
 Road
- 0.29 vacant parcel at 69 Hilltop Drive
- 15.29 acres total





Site References in Plans

- Marstons Mills village plan in 2010 LCP
 - ➤ When and if the Marstons Mills elementary school becomes available for non-school use, space should be made available for social and recreational programs.
 - ➤ If the Marstons Mills West Elementary School is discontinued as a school, then a portion of this site should be utilized for affordable housing.
- Open Space and Recreation Plan (2018)
 - Explore the potential for increasing or upgrading playground spaces and equipment in all villages.
 - ➤ Identify locations that have the potential to provide opportunities for passive recreation.



Site References in Plans

- Town Council 2024-2025 Strategic Plan
 - Explore the possibility of using town assets to create affordable private housing opportunities.
- Town Council Philosophies
 - The town will be proactive in developing town-owned properties and acquiring blighted/abandoned properties for redevelopment for small-scale affordable housing projects, open space and/or passive recreational needs.



Background

- Town hired a consultant team to help facilitate the community engagement process and develop concept plans and cost estimates.
- Initial concepts considered included:
 - ➤ Single-family housing
 - > Small multi-family housing
 - ➤ Municipal recreation (sports fields, tot lots)
 - ➤ Passive recreation (trails)
 - > Private open space
 - > Enhancement of ecological value (rain gardens, preservation of trees)
 - > Improve circulation
 - Retail

Community Engagement Efforts

- Open house workshop on April 30th, 2024 kicked-off the process and gathered input on the proposed uses of the site through dot voting and a wish wall. There was also a virtual workshop held on May 2nd
- Public site walk took place on May 4th
- Public workshop took place on May 29th with group table-top exercises to create community concepts
- Online crowdsourcing tool was also available to submit comments





Marstons Mills School Property

Master Plan & Discussion

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, April 30 @ 6pm Liberty Hall 2150 Main Street

Thursday, May 2 @ 6pm Zoom Link @ Town Website/ QR Code

SITE WALK

Saturday, May 4 @ 9am 2095 Main Street



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Dot Voting Results

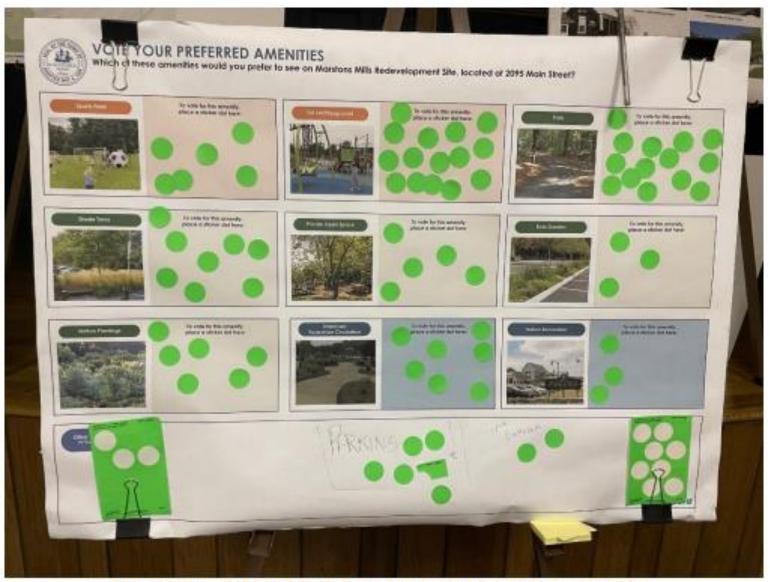


Figure 3 - Dot Voting Board for Preferred Amenities

Housing options:

- Single-family: 7
- No housing: 6
- Tiny homes: 5
- Senior housing: 4
- Townhouses: 3
- ADU: 1

Amenities:

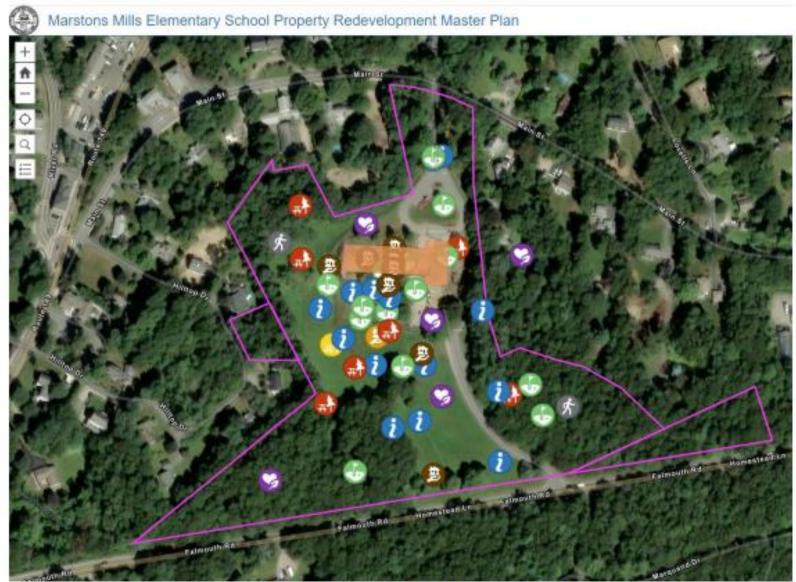
- Trails: 14
- Shade trees: 8
- Improved pedestrian circulation: 7
- Native plants: 6
- Parking: 6
- Private open space: 4
- Rain garden: 3
- Indoor recreation: 3
- Public restrooms: 2

Table-Top Exercises





Crowdsource Tool



Voting results:

- Active recreation: 190
- Housing: 101
- Passive recreation: 52
- Enhance ecological value: 20
- Designated space for farmers market, small events: 14

Figure 1 Crowdsource Map 6/6/2024

Public Comment

Boiled down to:

- ➤ Outdoor recreation and village meeting space should be present.
- >Additional parking for the village needs to be added.
- Housing was expressed but with specificity to starter homes, ownership options, blending in with the village.
- > Preservation of tree canopy and perimeter buffer



Proposed Concepts

- The consultant team created three conceptual plans based on community feedback:
 - ➤ Recreation option
 - > Recreation with single-family housing option
 - > Recreation with townhouses and single-family option



Process for Each Concept

• Recreation: Town Retains, begins planning process for specific recreation, seek funding.

 Recreation with housing option: Town subdivides property and retains recreational area, begins planning process for specific recreation, seek funding. Places a RFP for property(ies) to be developed substantially in conformance with refined concept designs and other conditions set forth by the Town

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Proposed Concepts for Consideration



LEGEND

PARKING

120± PARKING SPACES

RECREATION AND AMENITIES

FULL SIZE SOCCER FIELD

SOFTBALL / LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD

PICNIC AREA

PLAY AREA AND SPLASH PAD

BASI

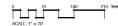
BASKETBALL

TRA

FITNESS AREA









LEGEND

HOUSING
7 SINGLE FAMILY

6 COTTAGES

PARKING 110± PARKING SPACES

RECREATION AND AMENITIES

OPEN FIELD
PICNIC AREA

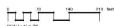
PLAY AREA AND SPLASH PAD

TRAIL

FITNESS AREA









LEGEND



PARKING 150± PARKING SPACES

RECREATION AND AMENITIES



PICNIC AREA



PLAY AREA AND SPLASH PAD

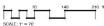
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TRAILS

FITNESS AREA









Next Steps

- There will be additional outreach meetings at Town Hall and in Marstons Mills to present conceptual plans and solicit feedback.
- This feedback will refine a preferred concept to be presented to the Town Council. Council will consider whether they wish to dispose of the land for the preferred concept.
- Development of a RFP with preferred conceptual and additional conditions