**Meeting Summary**

Date: Tuesday, April 9th, 2019

Location: Franklin Public Library, 118 Main Street, Franklin 02038

Attendees: Jim Kupfer, Bellingham

Susy Affleck-Childs, Medway

 Amy Love and Bryan Taberner, Franklin

 Gino Carlucci, Sherborn

 Rachel Benson, Wrentham

 Rich McCarthy, Norfolk

 Pandora Carlucci, Franklin

 Felecia Oti, Franklin Public Library

Recorded by: Kasia Hart, SWAP Coordinator

**Community Exchange**

* There are proposals for three large solar farms in **Franklin,** as well as a trampoline park**.** The Town is also considering a preliminary subdivision for 58 single house lots.
* **Medway** recentlyreceived another application for a marijuana cultivation facility. There is also a continuum living facility that is under construction, and a friendly 40B on Main Street is beginning their comprehensive permit
* **Wrentham** is working on an update to their senior living bylaw and is pursuing a green communities grant. DPW is also working with the Charles River Watershed Association to update their stormwater bylaw
* There is a Town Center project in **Sherborn** that may result in a public private partnership to bring municipal water and sewer to the area
* **Bellingham** has a warehouse currently under permitting and is preparing for two rezoning articles for Town Meeting

**Franklin Cultural District Presentation and Walking Tour**

Bryan Taberner, Director of Planning and Community Development in Franklin, presented on how the [Franklin Cultural District](https://www.franklinculture.org/) came to be. The Franklin Cultural District has been designated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and delineates a vibrant, walkable community filled with cultural activities, events, and partner organization in the arts. The Cultural District is managed by the [Franklin Cultural District Committee](https://www.franklinma.gov/cultural-district-committee), which is tasked with attracting artists and cultural enterprises, encouraging businesses and job development, establishing the district as a tourist destination, preserving and reusing historic buildings, enhancing property values, and fostering local cultural development. Economic development is a big focus of the committee, which often works closely with the [Franklin Downtown Partnership](https://www.franklindowntownpartnership.org/p/about-us.html).

Following Bryan’s presentation, Felecia Oti, Franklin Public Library Director, gave the group a brief tour of the building, which was recently renovated. Pandora Carlucci and Bryan then led a short walking tour to a couple destinations in the Cultural District, including the Franklin School for the Performing Arts and the Black Box Theater.

**Next Meeting**

SWAP will reconvene on **Tuesday, May 14 from 9:30am-11:00am at Bellingham Town Hall** to discuss the draft MetroCommon x 2050 goals.

Respectfully submitted as draft

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