

At its meeting on 3/8/23, the consensus of the Planning Board was that the current draft of the Master Plan Reexamination Report is ready for Council review. A copy is attached. The Board is requesting that Council members review the document and comment as they see necessary at the April 3, 2023 Council meeting. In particular, sections C & D would benefit from Council review and comment.

Section A is a transcript of recommendations from the 1998 Master plan and its 2005 and 2013 Reexamination reports, and the 2014 Amendment, and does not need review.

Section B, a summary of 2013-2022 Council actions relevant to the Master Plan, has already been reviewed by Kit Chandler and Chico Marciante. Their suggestions, for which we are grateful, were incorporated in the report.

Section C, written by Jim Kyle, is a summary of 14 issues that the Borough will need to address. Many contain recommendations that would benefit from Council input.

Section D is a summary of Planning Board recommendations. The first suggestion is that the 1998 Master Plan needs to be updated for reasons given at the start of Section D. We would appreciate Council's endorsement of embarking on the update. The Master Plan Committee is prepared to lead the effort to develop the new elements in the plan, targeted for release in 2025. Section D gives the proposed structure of the 2025 Master Plan, developed in conjunction with Jim Kyle. The last part of Section D is a separate list of recommendations for Planning Board action. Council could add its own items to this list if a need is seen.

Sections E and F are brief but should also be reviewed.

The deadline for submitting the Master Plan report to the State is September, 2023 and the Board is targeting August for submission. It would be appreciated if Council members could share their comments at the April 3, 2023 Council meeting. After this, there will be a public meeting and comment period as well as Planning Board adoption of the Master Plan document. Please do not reply all to this email.

Yours Sincerely,

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Chair, Master Plan Committee.

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