

Hingham Harbor and Downtown Sustainable Vision Study Stakeholder Meeting #1



Compiled Meeting Notes

July 8th 2020

Introduction and Context

The following notes summarize the discussion that occurred with participants at Stakeholder Meeting #1 for the Hingham Harbor and Downtown Sustainable Vision Study. The meeting was open to the public and posted on the Town of Hingham website. The Town of Hingham is developing the Hingham Harbor and Downtown Sustainable Vision and District Plan with the intent of creating an overall conceptual plan and strategic action plan to guide public realm improvements, district land use and sustainability, and other complementary district improvements. To advance this plan the Town applied for and received a planning assistance grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and is seeking complementary grant funding to enhance the study. The Project Work Plan is based on a budget of \$28,000 (\$25,000 MAPC Technical Assistance and \$3,000 Town of Hingham).

The overall goal of the project is to create a shared vision for the district and define short and long-term recommendations that will help the district to evolve toward that vision and to achieve the goals articulated through this process. The district plan will be developed through a public process engaging the community's residents, business owners, property owners and leadership and will be built upon research, analysis and community involvement. The study will generate recommendations that are focused on:

- District public realm and open space improvements
- District resiliency and sustainability improvements
- District land use and zoning recommendations

Stakeholder Meeting #1 was held as a virtual meeting hosted on Zoom. A total of 39 participants were present at the virtual meeting. Sources for the following compiled notes include the Zoom Chat file, Poll Everywhere question responses that were part of the meeting, and meeting notes from MAPC staff members Iolando Spinola and Josh Fiala.

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The meeting began with a welcome from Hingham Director of Community Planning Mary Savage-Dunham. The MAPC team introduced themselves with Principal Planner, Josh Fiala and Community Engagement Specialist Iolando Spinola present at the meeting. Poll Everywhere is a live polling feature that was used as part of the meeting to allow participants to provide information and interact with other participants. The first Poll Everywhere question was a part of the welcome and introduction.

Poll Everywhere Question: What is your name and connection to Hingham Harbor/Downtown? Below are the responses in the order they were received:

- Chair of the Harbor Development Committee
- Alan Perrault, Bathing Beach Trustee and Route 3A Task Force member
- Patti Coyle, Hingham Chair of the Weir River Estuary Park Committee (Hingham Chair) and Hingham Net Zero
- Chris Daly, Trustee of the Bathing Beach and former member of the Harbor Development Committee
- Michael Kranzley, Chair Hingham Development and Industrial Commission, Hingham Master Plan Committee member
- Chair of the Recreation Commission
- Jenny Hook, resident and active member of Hingham Net Zero
- Vicki Donlan
- Deirdre Anderson, Route 3A Task Force, Harbor Development Committee member, abutter
- John Kenny, owner of Hingham Harbor Marina (26 Summer Street), also representing recreational boaters
- Lynn Barclay, Executive Director of Hingham Downtown Association
- Gordon Carr, Chair Hingham Master Plan Committee and Planning Board member
- Anne Morin, resident, member of Hingham Net Zero, and the Hingham Unity Council
- Judy Sneath, downtown resident, Planning Board member, Route 3A Task Force Chair, former Executive Director Hingham Downtown Association
- Lara Thompson, neighbor
- Individual that helped start Friends of Hingham Harbor
- Mark Cullings, volunteer for Hingham Farmer's Market
- Town Engineer
- Katie Doran, resident and member of the Harbor Development Committee
- J. R. Frey
- Loni Fournier, Senior Planner, Conservation and GIS for the Town of Hingham
- Katie Sutton, resident, business owner and Co-chair of Hingham Unity Council
- Town staff
- Marco Boer, Harbor Development Committee member
- Amy Mills, resident

In addition to the Poll Everywhere responses, participants shared other responses verbally and through the Zoom Chat feature. These responses were repeated in the Poll Everywhere responses above.

Following a welcome and introduction, MAPC gave an initial presentation that outlined previous studies, the scope of work of the study, the study area, and the schedule. This brief presentation was followed by a Poll Everywhere question to solicit additional input. Participants in the meeting were able to type responses that were seen by other participants. All participants were able to up or down vote everyone's responses to prioritize answers. The responses have been reordered based upon this participant prioritization. After each comment is the number of "up-votes" (X), and the number of "down-votes" (-Y), and the "net total of votes" (Z) in the form of "Response (X, -Y, Z)."

Poll Everywhere Question: Do you have any questions or comments about the study introduction?

- No (7 total responses) (12, -6, 6)
- Does the study contemplate the Station Street parking lot? (3, 0, 3)
 - *Answer: The parking supply in the district will be reviewed as will the functioning of parking supply and management in the district and safe connections to parking areas.*
- This doesn't work (1, 0, 1)
- Is maximizing access for recreational boaters part of the study? (2, -1, 1)
 - *Answer: Not directly, in that we will not be studying the waterside of the harbor or its operation. However, we do want to increase the likelihood that visitors will come to the Study Area by any means of access, including recreational boat. So this may include considering access from public access docks or slips and how safe pedestrian circulation could connect from this water access point to the destinations of the district.*
- Did we get the Barr Foundation grant? (0, 0, 0)
 - *Answer: Barr Foundation funding is not a part of the sources of funds for this study at this time.*
- Harbor Task Force Report and Summary from 2011-12

In addition to the Poll Everywhere responses, participants shared other responses verbally and through the Zoom Chat feature. These responses included:

- Updated OS&R Plan, conditionally approved by the state: <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6719/DRAFT-Open-Space-and-Recreation-Plan-2016-2023-PDF>
- Also missing the Energy Reduction Plan required to become Green Community in 2018 <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8745/Hingham-CR3---Energy-Reduction-Plan-10-25-18-BMMM-edits-NS-edits?bidId=>
- Study Area - include connection to MBTA Nantasket Junction station?

The focus of this meeting was to offer all of the stakeholders gathered the ability to share experiences and concerns about Hingham Harbor and Downtown. The series of Poll Everywhere questions and responses form a foundation of important information for this study.

Poll Everywhere Question: What works in Hingham Harbor?

- New brick harbor walk, benches, coffee shop, kayak & SUP rentals (5, 0, 5)
- Bathing beach area steadily improving! (4, 0, 4)
- Farmers market (5, 1, 4)
- the new walkway (4, 0, 4)
- Bathing swimming boating concerts community events at bandstand (3, 0, 3)
- Natural beauty, amplified by removal of gas station. (3, 0, 3)
- I've heard that people love Kayak rental... (2, 0, 2)
- Natural beauty and naturally somewhat protected (2, 0, 2)
- The new bath house. (1, 0, 1)
- Harbor Walk, excited for new bath house, Rec rental of kayaks, paddle boards. (1, 0, 1)
- Public cares about it (1, 0, 1)

- Being able to access amenities as pedestrians (1, 0, 1)
- A lot of open space (1, 0, 1)
- Strong utilization of beach area. New snack shop should aid this. (1, 0, 1)
- Public access (1, 0, 1)
- One of our greatest amenities...our crown jewel - wise open space allows for recreation, walking, riding bikes, kayaking, picnicking, sun bathing and dining soon. (0, 0, 0)
- Exercise Classes (0, 0, 0)
- A protected bike lane between the shipyard and downtown would be amazing. (0, 0, 0)
- trolley or whatever method needs to be electric (0, 0, 0)
- Pedestrian access along new harborwalks (0, 0, 0)
- Yoga classes are skein working st the harbor. IngCOVID has changed this this summer's (0, 0, 0)
- The Recreation Department already offers kayaking and paddle boards st the harbor (0, 0, 0)
- some good bird-watching from the parking lots toward water; Love the coffee shop at the pier (0, 0, 0)

In addition to the Poll Everywhere responses, participants shared other responses verbally and through the Zoom Chat feature. These responses included:

- A large limitation for activities at the harbor currently is the only restaurants that are publicly open our old bathhouse (for three hours or four hours, nine weeks of the year). The gazebo doesn't have any activities.

Poll Everywhere Question: What works in Downtown?

- Unique retail offerings (5, 0, 5)
- Heritage Museum (5, 0, 5)
- Trees (4, 0, 4)
- Local shops, restaurants. Walkability (4, 0, 4)
- Historic charm (4, 0, 4)
- Nice restaurants a variety of stores (3, 0, 3)
- Quintessential downtown (3, 0, 3)
- I love Arts Walk! (3, 0, 3)
- It's confined to a small area and easily walkable (2, 0, 2)
- Fruit Center! (2, 0, 2)
- Large sidewalks (2, 0, 2)
- Movie theater, restaurants, cemetery walks, streetscape, downtown association events, residential mix (2, 0, 2)
- outside dining (2, 0, 2)
- Sidewalks and cross walks (1, 0, 1)
- Great mom and pop shops and restaurants (1, 0, 1)
- Historic landmarks shops (1, 0, 1)
- Historical cultural resource (1, 0, 1)
- Nona's (1, 0, 1)
- Safe environment for families (1, 0, 1)
- Accessible, no hills or challenging terrain so people can easily stroll

- It's beautiful (1, 0, 1)
- historic buildings, Heritage Museum, downtown merchants, events, restaurants (1, 0, 1)
- A nice variety range of shopping and dining. (1, 0, 1)
- Restaurants (1, 0, 1)
- We need more pragmatic responses. (0, 0, 0)
- Meeting up with community members (0, 0, 0)
- Businesses are hurting due to COVID. It uxx S.C. by the same B. Typing is not working well (0, 0, 0)
- Sidewalks and lighting much improved! (0, 0, 0)
- Beloved town traditions (0, 0, 0)

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- Exercise Classes are well received.

Poll Everywhere Question: What doesn't work in Hingham Harbor?

- People from out of town have told me they've taken the boat from Boston etc for an outing and were really surprised they were trapped at the Shipyard with no option other than uber (4, 0, 4)
- Pedestrian access to the inner harbor is not safe. In particular crossing Route 3A and Summer Street. (3, 0, 3)
- Safe bicycle and walking access. (3, 0, 3)
- No place to view the harbor and sunset while dining. A huge miss for a harbor town. (3, 0, 3)
- Lack of outdoor dining area. We have a beautiful view but no real draw other than small beach area (2, 0, 2)
- Lacking crosswalks and sidewalks on both sides of 3A (2, 0, 2)
- needs to be more bicycle friendly (2, 0, 2)
- Severe lack of parking on the water side of 3A especially on the east end of the Inner Harbor (2, 0, 2)
- Limited social and passive recreational opportunities (2, 0, 2)
- In both cases, accessibility to public transportation (2, 0, 2)
- 3A (2, 0, 2)
- Parking (2, 0, 2)
- Consistent Event Schedule (1, 0, 1)
- Concerned about waste that will be created by the snack shack. (1, 0, 1)
- Improve access from north street to the harbor (1, 0, 1)
- The boat ramp must be repaired. This has been discussed for over a decade. (1, 0, 1)
- Poor accessibility for boaters. Slow progress on enabling more waterfront usages - delays on HMC new boat house, etc. Harbor channel needs to be dredged. Mooring fields were dredged, but channel has not been dragged in years. Poor access from Downtown Hingham to harbor due to Route 3a. (1, 0, 1)
- Swimming area (1, 0, 1)
- Pretty much car-dependent (1, 0, 1)

- bathing beach needs to be better maintained. need easier and safer access across 3A. (1, 0, 1)
- Pedestrian Access from Crow Point (1, 0, 1)
- Safe way to access it from Otis direction (1, 0, 1)
- Speed And aggression on 3A (1, 0, 1)
- Bike & pedestrian links to surrounding (0, 0, 0)
- Needs a longer boardwalk- connecting bathing beach to Worlds End for pedestrian and bikers (0, 0, 0)
- No way to safely get from harbor to town center. Need public transport to connect both. (0, 0, 0)
- *option to get to downtown that is (0, 0, 0)
- Other than dunes, lack of aesthetics such as flowers, plantings, etc. (0, 0, 0)
- Wharves cry out for repair! Town Pier kind of a mess right now, especially parking. (0, 0, 0)
- Wharves are in disrepair and are inundated now (0, 0, 0)
- Underutilization of the former Mobil Station site (0, 0, 0)
- Overall TLC (0, 0, 0)
- Goose ****, high speed roadway (0, 0, 0)
- Architecturally uninspired (0, 0, 0)
- Better parking, more benches near Nonas and coffee shop. (0, 0, 0)
- walkway should extend to rotary (0, 0, 0)
- Vacant storefronts
- Landscaping needs improvement – (0, 0, 0)
- Maintenance of beach plantings, sand fence (0, -1, -1)

Poll Everywhere Question: What doesn't work in Downtown?

- Landlord monopoly (7, 0, 7)
- Need to better encourage walking and biking (4, 0, 4)
- Better retail and dining options; there is not a lot of variety. (4, 0, 4)
- needs a bookstore (4, 0, 4)
- Need safe bicycle lanes and parking. Need more options to access downtown without needing a vehicle (3, 0, 3)
- Non existent bike path (3, 0, 3)
- Permanent outdoor dining needed (3, 0, 3)
- Sad Winston Flowers closed... (3, 0, 3)
- No place to gather, to eat your ice cream. Always feel have to keep an eye on traffic, hold on to your kids etc. Would really benefit from a pedestrian only area. And in covid times, a way to eat outdoors when weather allows. (2, 0, 2)
- Need an anchor retail that will consistently bring people down beyond Nonas – (2, 0, 2)
- Need to cross 3A to get to the waterfront (2, 0, 2)
- We need to consider car free areas that could incorporate more communal spaces (2, 0, 2)
- need better retail and dining options. more events and innovation downtown. better connection with harbor. (1, 0, 1)

- property owners should be required to participate in HAD (1, 0, 1)
- A safe bridge or underground passage to connect waterfront to downtown (1, 0, 1)
- Encouraging apartments above commercial uses. Snow removal side walks. Activate tunnel cap. Litter! (1, 0, 1)
- Too many R/E offices... (1, 0, 1)
- The high cost of free parking - push walkability and bikes (0, 0, 0)
- Excess speed on North Street - cut through traffic (0, 0, 0)
- More lifestyle & retail amenities (0, 0, 0)
- Better retail hours and availability on weekends - many stores do not cater to those who commute Monday through Friday. Sunday is a dead zone downtown. (0, 0, 0)
- Less banks (0, 0, 0)
- There needs to be a penalty if storefronts are not rented within a certain amount of time. (0, 0, 0)

In addition to the Poll Everywhere responses, participants shared other responses verbally and through the Zoom Chat feature. These responses included:

- The downtown and the economic viability of shops in downtown is a concern. There is a relationship between South Hingham and Downtown and the economic viability of downtown – connection between larger retail and businesses in downtown – get the incentives and rents right. Some subsidy, some connection between those larger retail businesses in South Hingham. We need a stronger retail base in downtown. Rents in South Hingham need to be looked at.

Poll Everywhere Question: What are the main draws for local visitors and tourists in the district?

- Historic sites (4, 0, 4)
- We need an inn (3, 0, 3)
- Restaurants, history (streetscape, museum, cemetery), movies, the beach, pretty place for picnic (3, 0, 3)
- Waterfront (3, 0, 3)
- Restaurants (3, 0, 3)
- Historic sites (3, 0, 3)
- I honestly would bring an out of towners to the Heritage Museum (2, 0, 2)
- Restaurants (2, 0, 2)
- Was nice to meet at Red Eye Roasters for coffee & a nice stroll (2, 0, 2)
- views of the water, ability to get a coffee and walk around (2, 0, 2)
- Farmers Market (2, 0, 2)
- Restaurants (2, 0, 2)
- History of the town (2, 0, 2)
- High dining options (2, 0, 2)
- took a tour the other day with hhs - was EXCELLENT (1, 0, 1)
- Ah something missing - link from ferry terminal to get downtown for Boston visitors (1, 0, 1)
- Restaurants (1, 0, 1)
- Exercised classes (1, 0, 1)
- Restaurants (1, 0, 1)

- Historic sites (1, 0, 1)
- History (1, 0, 1)
- Recreational Boating (1, 0, 1)
- Walk ability (0, 0, 0)
- Historic sites (0, 0, 0)
- Beach Access (0, 0, 0)
- Weddings and funerals (0, 0, 0)
- Nona's (0, 0, 0)
- Dining (0, 0, 0)
- I assume the Hingham cache is a big draw (0, -1, -1)
- We are trying to get CPC funds for more activities. Snack stand is a start.

In addition to the Poll Everywhere responses, participants shared other responses verbally and through the Zoom Chat feature. These responses included:

- We should be looking at how do we get people from other parts of the town.
- Hingham cemetery is right behind the Heritage Museum...lots of famous figures... two governors of Massachusetts.

Poll Everywhere Question: What would make the district more experiential or a bigger draw for local visitors and tourists?

- Better access from outside the district. Shuttles. Water taxi from shipyard should be considered (6, 0, 6)
- Waterfront dining (6, 0, 6)
- Access from Shipyard (5, 0, 5)
- *promote our resources in Boston (3, 0, 3)
- Lincoln House will help; Heritage Museum is great! (3, 0, 3)
- We need to think of ways we can attract more diversity among visitors so more variety in retail and experiences and cultural events (3, 0, 3)
- Connection. Between public transportation and downtown (3, 0, 3)
- More outdoor dining options (3, 0, 3)
- An Inn (3, 0, 3)
- boating events i.e. sailing regatta, rowing race, the Hingham hit on imap and other map apps needs content to pull people in/draw interest; right now there is nothing. also, Hingham's website could be updated to cause interest too (2, 0, 2)
- Offer day trips by water to Hingham (2, 0, 2)
- A marketing budget so we could (2, 0, 2)
- Boardwalk with shops to visit (2, 0, 2)
- Inn. (2, 0, 2)
- A B & B (2, 0, 2)
- Consistent Events (2, 0, 2)
- Hotel (3, -1, 2)
- Identifying links to historical Hingham Cemetery (1, 0, 1)
- School trips from beyond Hingham (1, 0, 1)
- concerts, events, historic walk, signage, transportation from boat and train (1, 0, 1)
- I think it's critical to connect to the Shipyard and the Nantasket Junction station (1, 0, 1)

- access from golf course(s), too (0, 0, 0)
- More dining in the water (0, 0, 0)
- Shuttle bus stops throughout district or parking spot for tourist bus (0, 0, 0)
- More options on Sunday, particularly related to brunch, outdoor dining and shopping - hardly anything is open (0, 0, 0)

In addition to the Poll Everywhere responses, participants shared other responses verbally and through the Zoom Chat feature. These responses included:

- We need to enhance the retail experience in downtown and offer more of a diverse mix of businesses that appeal to all ages.
- Property owners need a vested interest in creating a diverse mix of businesses. Concord property owners meet periodically to really shape what their downtown looks like. Town needs to engage better with the property owners.
- We need to improve the pedestrian access from North Street to the harbor...We lack a retail business base to attract a walking shopping district.
- Let us build the foot traffic. The stores are going to follow it.
- Our historic society is a key player here and we need to leverage our historical and cultural resources as the cornerstone of attracting tourism and visitors to our downtown.
- Heritage Trail idea... we need more interpretive historical plaques and signs, flyers people pick up at historic sites or at Heritage Museum.
- Interactive signs draw people to Harbor. We do have a walk, and historic walk and a pamphlet, but definitely needs to be updated (commenting on Allen's idea)
- We need to see if the signs (Allen's idea) lead folks into the downtown.
- Interpretive signs – add (3) per year – plaques and signs with historic site tour – the “Hingham Heritage Trail”
- Signage model of materials and content – Greenbush Trust supports the signage program
- Chronicle has done a showcase of the harbor islands, and they always recommend that people go to the ferry to take the trip out to the harbor islands. Those folks are looking not just for a day trip out to the harbor islands they're looking for an opportunity to visit the area.
- Suggest that we connect with Chronicle on Channel 5 and when they are doing a segment on the Harbor Islands and suggesting visitors go through the Hingham Ferry we offer a bus tour through Hingham. It is a perfect opportunity to showcase our Town.
- Need a marketing budget and staff person
- History, shuttle – bus/water taxi, Christmas in the square, linkages, experiences, destinations, sustainability, connection to shipyard, the meals tax
- Maybe think more about a Trolley from Shipyard to Downtown & Derby St :>)
- Great re Trolley... Salem's is really cool
- What about a seasonal water shuttle from shipyard to downtown harbor?
- We need easy and free transportation from Harbor to Downtown and around Town
- Diverse mix of businesses for all ages – like Concord is promoting itself, engage better with property owners, property owner association
- More activities in harbor with publicly accessible restrooms, snack stand
- Improve pedestrian access

- Two shops from Route 3A to Settlers Glass – need landscape plan with wayfinding signage
- Station Street parking area
- Historical Society – cornerstone of attracting visitors – Heritage Museum – Lincoln House
- Accessible, inviting and welcoming, diverse and inclusive
- HMLP – Hingham Municipal Light Plant
- Better Wi-Fi
- We do not have great signals in downtown - Cell signals
- How about a protected bike lane from the shipyard to downtown?
- The Post Office would make a wonderful site for a small hotel or country inn.

Poll Everywhere Question: What weather/coastal related issues have you experienced in Hingham Harbor/Downtown?

- Heat and the value of tree canopy (4, 0, 4)
- 2015 snowstorms!!! (4, 0, 4)
- Flooding on wharf at Redeye Roasters (3, 0, 3)
- Harbor wharf inundation - we have photos (3, 0, 3)
- Flooding (2, 0, 2)
- Degradation of sidewalks due to tides (2, 0, 2)
- Beach erosion (2, 0, 2)
- inadequate side walk snow removal (2, 0, 2)
- Sea wall failure (1, 0, 1)
- snow, flooding. snow removal on downtown sidewalks is sometimes an issue. (1, 0, 1)
- Coastal storms can be show stoppers! (1, 0, 1)
- Opportunities for an inn would be the HCC or the parish house (1, 0, 1)
- nor'easters (1, 0, 1)
- nothing there, but definitely high astronomical tide problems on Rockland near Weir River and toward West Corner st during storms (0, 0, 0)
- Barnes wharf floods badly during King tide. (0, 0, 0)

Poll Everywhere Question: What other resilience issues have you noticed?

- Three cheers to HMLP! Norwell is jealous of how rarely we lose power (7, 0, 7)
- I've heard rents can be prohibitively high for some retailers (7, 0, 7)
- Road safety- 3A is a concern (4, 0, 4)
- Agree w Anne- creating a culture of walking/biking (4, 0, 4)
- Not sure if this is the appropriate answer for this topic, but pollution along the walkways in the bathing beach and launch area is terrible. Having recycling and trash cans year-round would be helpful. (3, 0, 3)
- Yes on carbon reduction piece - perfectly pairs with creating a pleasant downtown - win-win (3, 0, 3)
- Route 3A has closed down in big storms (1, 0, 1)
- First reactions to the problems are hard solutions... revetments, walls, etc. (0, 0, 0)
- Cost of historic preservation for private homeowners and organizations – (0, -1, -1)

Poll Everywhere Question: What should resilience look like for Hingham Harbor and Downtown?

- Car free zones in the downtown to encourage outdoor eating and other public spaces. (8, 0, 8)
- WiFi (6, 0, 6)
- Bike paths (6, 0, 6)
- Find a way to attract a variety of business owners - how can we make that financially feasible? (5, 0, 5)
- Native and drought resistant plants (4, 0, 4)
- no litter, no pesticides, more pocket prairies, less mowing, no leaf blowers moving dirt around, more walking, no idling vehicles in lots (4, 0, 4)
- An Inn or small hotel (4, 0, 4)
- Sorry. Parking lot (3, 0, 3)
- native plants, water gardens (3, 0, 3)
- Bike share! (3, 0, 3)
- Ability for shops or restaurants to host outdoor events (3, 0, 3)
- Hotel (4, -1, 3)
- Improved cooperation between property owners, merchants, town hall and DPW (3, 0, 3)
- more diverse businesses and business owners (3, 0, 3)
- Bike lanes! (3, 0, 3)
- Better cell reception- it's a dead zone (3, 0, 3)
- Affordable shops (2, 0, 2)
- Easy and free transportation (2, 0, 2)
- Solar canopies and trees to protect against extreme heat (2, 0, 2)
- Less cars (2, 0, 2)
- Meet challenges of sea level rise - not sure best means. (2, 0, 2)
- Address the parking issues - maybe through parking meters. (1, 0, 1)
- Getting rid of gas stations (1, 0, 1)
- It should appear that Hingham is serious about helping reduce carbon emissions and be an example to residents and visitors to take it seriously. Not to harp on this topic, but part of that would be the EV charging stations and solar panel use. Parking can be lit by solar panels! (1, 0, 1)
- Elevate piers/ bulkheads for resilience (1, 0, 1)
- High tide controls/funneling (1, 0, 1)
- Parking lit (1, 0, 1)
- Do we know why we don't have more variety (0, 0, 0)
- Multi pronged and flexible (0, 0, 0)
- A berm/***** between the water and 3A to mitigate extreme flooding (0, 0, 0)
- Increased parking on waterside of 3A (0, -1, -1)

In addition to the Poll Everywhere responses, participants shared other responses verbally and through the Zoom Chat feature. These responses included:

- I read the Hingham harbor and downtown sustainable vision study, Draft Master Plan and Energy Reduction Plan. Are there any synergies when solar or electric car in the plans? For

example, I am looking for solar canopy type parking at the station street parking area or some kind of EV charging stations that could potentially draw people. EV charging covered parking for EV cars will be more of draw.

- What's really important is that when talking about mitigating these impacts (climate change) that we also talk and act on lowering our carbon emissions. We have to think about things like Renewable Energy, Solar Canopies, Electric Vehicles. We need safe pedestrian access, safe cycling access to get people out of their cars (helps carbon reduction piece).
- We need to keep in how the area can be inviting and welcoming to people of color and minorities. I'd like to see more diverse participation both in the stores, bringing in new businesses. New businesses can be exciting, different, and share a new perspective. Area should be welcoming to visitors and making them feel invited to this space and safe in it.
- Climate change – lower carbon emissions – get people out of cars and comfortable in the district

Poll Everywhere Question: What do you want this study to accomplish?

- To find the balance between maintaining historic charms while making progress on efforts to increase diversity and move towards a low carbon lifestyle (10, 0, 10)
- Action plan for connecting the harbor and downtown. (8, 0, 8)
- Generate attractive opportunities on the Harbor front (6, 0, 6)
- Increase awareness that hingham is a precious and vulnerable resource. (6, 0, 6)
- Bring harbor stakeholders and downtown stakeholders together with shared goals. Attract corporate sponsorship for a significant project. Build a coalition that works together for future (5, 0, 5)
- Fill the storefronts with a variety of shops/ restaurants / experiences.... do not leave them empty for months (4, 0, 4)
- Defined linkage of the Downtown to waterfront (4, 0, 4)
- A vision with clear steps for completion (4, 0, 4)
- A roadmap for how to tie downtown to the harbor, with ideas how to make it more attractive for people to want to come to the harborfront (4, 0, 4)
- Improve pedestrian access from north street to the harbor (3, 0, 3)
- Multiple and safe transportation options between shipyard, Harbor and downtown (3, 0, 3)
- Connect the Shipyard to Downtown (3, 0, 3)
- Connect harbor and downtown to public transportation and/or bike paths (3, 0, 3)
- Better pedestrian access from Crow Point to the Harbor and then to downtown (3, 0, 3)
- Action - result in practical actionable results (3, 0, 3)
- Recommend an Inn (2, 0, 2)
- Attract more diverse businesses and business owners - do we know why we don't have this now? (2, 0, 2)
- Want to make sure handicap access and family-friendly facilities/walkways/access points are kept in mind. The brick path along Bathing Beach over to the launch is wonderful--nice and wide (for wheelchairs and strollers, multiple people can fit across) and flat. (2, 0, 2)
- 3A is like Berlin Wall (1, 0, 1)

- How to best utilize the beautiful harbor including dining, pedestrian and biking recommendations, helping Hingham become more sustainable and better leveraged to address climate change. (1, 0, 1)
- Increase capacity in the harbor for recreational boaters to draw them to the area (1, 0, 1)
- Roadmap for the Town given the number of committees and constituents working on and thinking about this issue (1, 0, 1)
- Top picks for success (0, 0, 0)

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- We need to identify a landscape plan that could tie the harbor with downtown...through wayfinding signage and design features and pocket parks and other improvements to the pedestrian experience. The station street parking needs signage (not being used). People just need to know where the public access parking is.
- I'd like to see you let us know from your expertise what goals are doable.
- We are a small Town with extraordinary assets, yet we seem to be stuck not moving forward due to too many goals in a variety of directions. Help us determine the best way to move forward.
- We need direction and to see that even baby steps are being implemented to take us to the future.

Poll Everywhere Question: What would help you to stay engaged with this process?

- On-going Zoom calls (12, 0, 12)
- Poll feature was great and worked very well. (7, 0, 7)
- On going zoom meetings and polls. (5, 0, 5)
- E mail progress reports (4, 0, 4)
- Attainable goals and next steps (4, 0, 4)
- This meeting was really great. Nice job. Well run, I like this poll feature as a way to make sure all voices are heard. (4, 0, 4)
- Easy availability to all studies and materials being considered; timely posting of meeting recordings. Communication concerning future meetings. Outreach to local business owners for collaboration. (2, 0, 2)
- Like the format for answering questions. Thank you! (2, 0, 2)
- I would love to stay engaged. Email is best for me and input and status updates via zoom calls is great. This type of call format is a great platform. (2, 0, 2)
- Meeting minutes posted to website or sent via email or social media. (1, 0, 1)
- Like this format (1, 0, 1)
- Get a copy of the introductory slides (1, 0, 1)
- Nice job publicizing the meeting too whoever did that (0, 0, 0)
- Reach into existing committee meetings with specific asks for input - so many stakeholders already going at this in different directions (0, 0, 0)
- Momentum - heading regularly about progress and input. I like this polling option. Also - our local social media are great sources of communication to the town (0, 0, 0)

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- Could we have an email list for this project? So we can stay involved.

Poll Everywhere Question: What community stakeholders are not in the room today?

- Residents from areas within blocks of 3A - they must have ideas, hopes, concerns (6, 0, 6)
- Property owners (5, 0, 5)
- Individuals with differing abilities (4, 0, 4)
- A nice job was done publicizing the meeting by someone. Thank you for that. (4, 0, 4)
- Shop owners (4, 0, 4)
- Hingham Yacht Club?...while not in the district they certainly have an interest in the Harbor (3, 0, 3)
- Religious leaders (3, 0, 3)
- Three top landlords (3, 0, 3)
- Restaurant owners (3, 0, 3)
- Key Landlords (3, 0, 3)
- Property owners and downtown business owners (2, 0, 2)
- Key property owners. (2, 0, 2)
- Hingham Maritime (1, 0, 1)
- Residents of North and South Street. (1, 0, 1)
- Cinema, Bank Owner, postmaster - four key historic bldgs (1, 0, 1)
- general public/residents (1, 0, 1)
- Representatives from Hull (0, 0, 0)
- MBTA and whoever owned BHC now (0, 0, 0)
- More recreational boaters (0, 0, 0)
- Visitors to the Bathing Beach - from out of town (0, 0, 0)
- HMC (0, 0, 0)
- Energy Action Cyte (0, 0, 0)
- South Hingham neighborhood groups (0, 0, 0)
- Hingham Cemetery Committee (0, 0, 0)

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- Include current president of Hingham Cemetery. (Larry Lindner?)
- Pam Reis Marcella, ED at Hingham Cemetery director@hinghamcemetery.org
- Group I mentioned is Hingham hull religious leaders association. I think they just have a FB page but you can prob get to houses of worship that way.
- I have access to many HDA members/businesses!

Poll Everywhere Question: What would help others get involved?

- Article in Hingham Anchor (7, 0, 7)
- FB Hingham pinboards and discussion board. Linden Ponds. (6, 0, 6)
- Information at weekly Farmers Market (5, 0, 5)

- Advertise effort on social media like the Hingham Pinboard and Discussion groups In Facebook (5, 0, 5)
- list of registered boaters (3, 0, 3)
- List of registered voters - or general mailing (3, 0, 3)
- We can invite others to attend (3, 0, 3)
- Hingham Anchor (3, 0, 3)
- Any activity for kids with families - maybe a harbor/downtown centered Quest (2, 0, 2)
- Town of Hingham website (2, 0, 2)
- Lori Rohleder Linden Ponds (2, 0, 2)
- Communicate via email, Hingham Anchor and Journal, dare I say Patch? (2, 0, 2)
- Mailing (2, 0, 2)
- Survey monkey poll (2, 0, 2)
- Personal invitations (2, 0, 2)
- Schematic Future visuals (2, 0, 2)
- There is a Hingham Hull Interfaith Leaders org. if you want to connect with houses of faith (1, 0, 1)
- Hingham Anchorage (1, 0, 1)

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- Thank you Katie Sutton for our great website!
- signs at the bathing beach to engage young families using it

The virtual meeting was concluded with a brief discussion of next steps for the study. The 2nd Stakeholder Meeting has been scheduled for this process and will be hosted virtually on October 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the following Zoom Chat responses were offered by participants:

- Is there an email list we can sign up for to receive notifications on next steps/meetings?
- Good idea
- ^^^^ yeah what they said
- Nice job tonight!
- Really liked this poll process. It works well with a large group. It's a more innovative and works well with zoom.
- Very efficient meeting. got a lot accomplished. Thanks.
- are you capturing our emails?
- Thank you for a great meeting. Please include me in future email groups
- Thank you! Well done with the meeting!
- You guys were well prepared. Thank you for that.
- Yes well-done thank you!
- Very nicely done. Thank you :>)
- Thanks all