

# TOWN STATUS REPORT

March 13, 2023

## 1. Town Master Plan Steering Committee

The Planning Board recently formed a Master Plan Steering Sub-Committee to assist in the development and preparation of the Town's new Master Plan. The Committee will partner with the Planning Board, Office of Community Development, and the consultant selected to prepare the Master Plan with the full involvement of various stakeholders and the community at large. The Committee is comprised of 18 members and represents a diverse cross section of the community. The Committee held their first meeting on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue to meet for the duration of the Master Planning process. We truly appreciate their participation and involvement in this important project to develop the vision for the Town.

The Steering Committee with assistance from representatives of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, will be hosting two public/stakeholder input sessions on April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> to allow for an interactive discussion of the major planning issues of interest to the community and to develop the primary themes/vision for the Master Plan. Following the public input sessions, in May, the Town will be submitting a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to assist the Town to develop a new Master Plan. The project set to begin in June and will last approximately 12 – 18 months.

## 2. Downtown Oval and Nashua Street Improvements Project

A public input session was held on February 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss and receive input on the Conceptual Design Alternatives for the Milford Oval and the Nashua Street corridor / Nashua Street (NH101A) from Clinton Street to Tonella Road. The hybrid meeting event was well attended and resulted in many constructive comments and informed input. The Town's consultant will incorporate said input into revised designs for both areas for discussion at March 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting.

## 3. Reconvening the Economic Development Advisory Council

Originally formed in early Mid-2000s, the charge of Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) is to develop and recommend economic development policy in accordance with the goals of the Milford Board of Selectmen and Milford Master Plan, and, utilizing the 2009 report *Recommendations to Foster Economic*. Unfortunately, the Council has been inactive for some time.

As the Town moves forward with the development and creation of the new Master Plan, how the town addresses economic development, job creation, and sustainable growth all play a vital role in shaping the vision and future of Milford. The Community

Development Office will be conducting outreach to local businesses, residents, and property owners over the next few weeks seeking volunteers for the Council. If interested, please contact Terrey Dolan, Community Development Director at 603-249-0620 or email [tdolan@milford.nh.gov](mailto:tdolan@milford.nh.gov).

**4. Town Vote – March 14, 2023**

The Town Vote will occur on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Milford High School Gymnasium, 100 West Street. Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 8:00pm. The Milford Voters Guide and information can be found on the main page of the Town website at [www.milford.nh.gov](http://www.milford.nh.gov).

If you have any questions regarding any of the items that will be on the ballot on March 14<sup>th</sup>, please feel free to contact the Town Clerks Office at 603-249-0650 or Town Administration Office at 603-249-0601.

**5. Town Hall Alternative Hours of Operation – Additional Input Opportunities**

Staff continues to evaluate the feasibility of implementing alternative hours of operation / work schedule the Town Hall and DPW. Staff views the alternative schedule as a means to respond to demand for services, offer additional flexibility to residents/property owners/development community, and provide a tool/benefit to retain and recruit employees.

Town staff will be present at the March 14<sup>th</sup> vote seeking additional input from the public. This will include an online/paper survey. All alternatives are being considered and we continue to work/coordinate with the Town Clerk's office. The final proposal for the alternative hours will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting for review and consideration.