

STATUS BLUE RIBBON RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS
As of November 9, 2006

	Action or Recommendation	Date BOS Report	Current Status	Comments
1	The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Selectmen request the Mashpee Planning Board to update the Comprehensive Plan and to provide the personnel and fiscal support to the Planning Board that may be necessary to carry this out on a timely basis.	1/2/06	<p>BOS agreed to arrange for update of LCP, although no formal request or schedule yet made. Vacant Assistant Town Planner position advertised; no other resources have been made available as of date of this report.</p> <p>Assistant Town Manager position has been filled. Individual sections of the Comprehensive Plan were sent out to the various department heads, Boards and Committees, asking them to update the Plan.</p> <p>Board of Selectmen held a Strategic Planning session on August 26, 2006.</p>	<p>School Committee discussed their updated section of the Comprehensive Plan at a School Committee meeting on September 6, 2006.</p> <p>What has been submitted by other departments?</p> <p>As of October 30, 4 departments have turned in updates. Joyce is going to follow-up on the other departments.</p>
2	The Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Town designate a permanent educational coordinator and provide ongoing funding to coordinate environmental education programs, and in particular nitrogen loading and waste water, in conjunction with the School Committee.	1/2/06	<p>BOS want more details on what the programs entailed. Bottom line is that BRCC needs to quantify the scope.</p> <p>BRCC met with the superintendent and teachers from the school on September 14, 2006.</p>	<p>BOS comment made that Falmouth has a volunteer group that does this for them and maybe this would be more appropriate then creating a new position. Ted Theis is in contact with the education coordinator from Cape Keepers, as well as Gabrielle Belfit from the Cape Cod Commission and members of several Falmouth organizations about coordinating educational efforts on a Cape-wide basis.</p>

				<p>The BRCC voted on 10/26/06 to submit a part-time, 19 hr a week, Environmental Education Coordinator position request to the BOS.</p> <p>BOS asked that this go to the School Committee for consideration. This will be reviewed by them on December 6th.</p>
3/4	<p>The Committee voted unanimously for the Board of Selectmen to use the Transfer Station grounds as a repository for dredging spoils from the Mashpee River in order to move this project forward without further delays.</p> <p>The Committee also requests the Board of Selectmen provide an overall status on the dredging project.</p>	1/2/06	<p>Jim Hanks presented his report on the status of the Mashpee River dredging project at the 2/9/06 BRCC meeting. The suggestion that the dredge material be placed in a depression at the transfer station presented some problems, one of which was that the dredged material conductivity levels must not exceed DEP requirements. Mr. Hanks indicated that the next step would consist of taking core samplings in the spring and getting them measured for conductivity to see whether they fall within DEP requirements. If they exceed DEP requirements, the proposed disposal site at the Transfer Station would not be allowed.</p> <p>The BOS have requested a report from the Waterways Comm. every two months to provide closer monitoring.</p> <p>Jim Hanks reported to the BOS that testing of core samples indicated that the salinity was too high to place significant amounts of potential dredging material at the Transfer Station.</p> <p>On September 11, 2006, Mr. Hanks reported to the BOS that contract delays</p>	<p>Mr. Hanks also discussed several other alternatives such as building marsh islands with the dredge spoils and the use of "side-casting" the spoils along marsh edges of the river. Mr. Hanks explained that these processes are much more difficult to permit and that "side-casting" may not be allowed by DEP.</p> <p>Save Mashpee Waterways presented petition signed by 550 citizens asking for actions to solve pollution crisis in Mashpee waters.</p> <p>Town Planner Tom Fudala has suggested that this project may be characterized as marsh restoration, which is viewed more favorably by the State.</p> <p>Ted Theis introduced Mr. Oskar Klenart, P.E., to the Waterways Committee with a possible answer to make side casting spoils more viable. Ted is continuing to work with the committee on side casting alternatives.</p>

			for testing and modeling services have pushed back completion of the next phase until early December 2006.	Per Joyce, two contracts have been signed and the BOS will get an update on the modeling in December.
5	The Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board of Selectmen work with the Mashpee Water District and Sewer Commission to formulate a combined fresh water/ waste water entity that would be responsible for locating, providing and ensuring the quality of the Town's water supplies and the resultant impact on the environment.	1/2/06	BOS put combining the Sewer Commission and Water District on the back burner until the new sewer report regarding needs is released later this year.	Per Tom Fudala, the Water District counsel has researched this issue and is preparing a proposal that would result in a water/sewer district that will be presented to the Water District in November 2006.
6	The Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board of Selectmen utilize natural fertilizers and materials for maintaining the Town playing fields and buildings in order to set an example for the rest of the community.	1/2/06	BOS has included this recommendation in recently awarded contract for Town landscaping.	DPW received proposals to use natural fertilizers as well as traditional chemical methods. The DPW has converted to organic fertilizers for around buildings and is testing one field at Heritage Park using organic fertilizers. The other fields are being treated with a chemical/organic mixture that is being used by Falmouth. Per Brad Tripp the School is following the requirements mandated by the State. He has provided a link to the State Website, and the BRCC reviewed the usage plan submitted by the School. The BRCC needs to follow up since we couldn't determine the actual state requirements from the usage plan document. Michael Talbert is gathering information on a town-wide ordinance that would require the

				usage of organic fertilizers on all Town property.
7	The Committee voted to request the Water District to help support educational programs regarding conservation, environment and water issues.	1/2/06	BRCC discussed asking the Water District to co-op print brochures and then distribute them in billing mailings.	Water District help with printing of Water Brochure. Possible to ask about allowing the Health Dept. to distribute their low flow showerheads and other information or items they distribute to the public to reach more people.
8	The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Selectmen appoint someone as a representative from Mashpee to the Upper Cape Regional Technology Development Corporation (UCRTDC).	1/2/06	BOS accepted the recommendation and appointed John Miller as Mashpee's representative to this group.	Need an update
9	The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Selectmen move forward now to establish a Mashpee EDIC under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 376 of the Acts of 2002.	1/2/06	BOS accepted the recommendation. The Town has posted notice for nominations of interested parties to come forward for consideration as Board of Director members for the EDIC. Deadline is 3/10/06. BOS will appoint initial directors after reviewing candidates. Given few applicants, the Chamber of Commerce has helped in assisting in the recruiting of qualified candidates. The EDIC committee has been formed and volunteers were selected for the initial organization.	The EDIC Board of Directors, once formed, will prepare bylaws and other organizational matters in collaboration with the Town as prerequisites for legally forming the EDIC. Initial meetings have been held and it appears that this is moving forward successfully.
10	The Planning Board committed to reviewing items 3-9 from the final draft DCPC and to prepare new or revised		PB has identified a number of changes that can be made to zoning, special permit or subdivision regulations. PB	The Planning Board submitted articles to the October Town Meeting and they all passed.

	zoning bylaws, special permit regulations, and subdivision regulations that will improve water quality. The Planning Board intends to completing all zoning bylaw changes in time for the October 2006 Town Meeting.		schedule established to work on specific wording is underway with initial drafts due mid-May for October Town Meeting.	The Planning Board is continuing their work and is looking at Franklin's Best Planning Practices.
11	The Board of Health committed to upgrading septic requirements by determining all cesspools failed and requiring up to Title V standards if ownership change or renovation.		BOH published notice, held public hearing, and voted in the new requirements at their 3-30-06 meeting.	
12	The Committee approved a motion to support the creation of an Affordable Housing Trust.		Trust would be able to hold and disburse housing funds, something the Town's Affordable Housing Committee lacks authority to do	3/23/06 BRCC meeting
13	The BRCC approved a motion to request the BOS to look into the source of the pollution that is killing off Santuit Pond?			9/14/06 BRCC meeting Per Joyce, the Estuaries Project is looking into this issue.
14	The BRCC recommends that the BOS ask the Town Manager and DPW to work with Ted Theis regarding evaluating Clean Water Solution's storm water biofilter			10/26/06 BRCC meeting Per Joyce, there is a meeting on November 2 nd for this.

Accomplishments:

Reinvigoration of the EDIC

Publication of Mashpee Water brochure

Town fertilization practices have been changed

Update of Comprehensive Plan is underway

Storm Water Report by Charlie Rowley – (DPW has subsequently applied for a grant to address issues identified).