



MEMORANDUM

To: Town Council

From: Route 100 Committee

Date: May 9, 2017

Re: **West Falmouth Neighborhood Concept Plan**

The Route 100 Committee hereby reports to the Town Council its input and recommendations as it relates to the West Falmouth Neighborhood Concept Plan and its consistency, or lack thereof, with the Route 100 Report, and offer its recommendations for gathering of additional public input.

The Route 100 Committee met on April 13 and May 1, 2017 to review the Concept Plan. It took public input on April 13. There was no public comment on May 1.

While the committee does not see any conflict between the Concept Plan with its overall Route 100 Vision, it does have several concerns that should be addressed for any development proposal to be sync with the vision developed over two years of meetings and public hearings. These concerns include:

1. Possible scale of the development,
2. Traffic (safety, flow through the Route 100 intersections, and noise impacts from the Maine Turnpike),
3. Assuring a true mix of mixed residential housing (single family houses, townhouses, and condos)
4. A requirement that any project include commercial and retail businesses that support the concept of “neighborhood,” e.g. restaurants, coffee shops, stores.

The committee agreed that its vision included a complete “neighborhood” environment – not just a subdivision - with sidewalks, bicycle lanes, expanded public sewer, park/recreation spaces, connected trails, supported by a mix of residential housing allowing people to easily access stores and services in the immediate neighborhood. It unanimously concurred that the elements depicted in the West Falmouth Concept Plan fit with this vision.

The committee did not have any recommendations for gathering additional public input.

Thank you for requesting our feedback on this matter.