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"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." - James Keller

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## Wanted: Input to aid growth

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At the Aug. 9 meeting of the Duxbury Planning Board, Planning Director Valerie Massard updated the board on the status of the town's Comprehensive Plan, which is going through its first major revision in 18 years. Massard's presentation follows the thorough outlining of the process presented to the Planning Board in June.

In the last two months, Massard said, the website has launched, and hard copies of the survey are available this

week. Massard said the survey, which will take "three to five minutes tops" to complete, is also designed to be completed on mobile devices, especially cell phones.

"Any age can fill it out," she said. "We're excited to get the feedback. The survey will help generate some new blood and keep us fresh."

Planning Board Vice Chairman David Uitti suggested the creation of a "challenge" to spur engagement, not unlike the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which went viral in the summer of 2014.

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Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" features an ensemble cast at the Aug. 3 - 5 production by the Duxbury Yacht Club. Here, cowboy curly (Peter Stanwood), farmer Andrew Carnes (Delby Lemieux), Gertie (Caroline Smith) and peddler Ali Hakim (Zak Maxey) prepare for a wedding. See more photos on page 12.

Photo by Deni Johnson

## Safeguarding Duxbury Bay

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The Duxbury Planning Board held a second public meeting on the Eventide development Wednesday

night, in order to follow up on concerns raised at the first public hearing held July 26. The main purpose was to hear specifically how the drainage and septic sys-

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## State awards grant money to protect Duxbury Beach

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A state grant from the Office of Coastal Zone Management will help the town prepare for climate change as Duxbury works to preserve its

beach dunes and access road.

Announcement of the \$36,340 Coastal Resilience grant was made Aug. 9 through a press statement by state Sen. Patrick O'Connor, R - Weymouth, and state Rep. Josh Cutler, D-Duxbury.

Secretary Matthew Beaton of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs awarded the grant at a ceremony at the Aquacultural Research Corporation in Dennis last week.

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“One person could take the survey,” he said, “and then challenge three others to do the same.”

In addition to the website

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and survey, a press release on the process has been drafted and Master Plan ambassadors will be given business cards. Plans are in place to reach residents through social media, with dedicated accounts on both Twitter and Instagram. Massard said they are also working with members of the Duxbury Camera Club for people to send them pictures of their favorite places in Duxbury.

A poster outlining the trends of Duxbury today, with information culled from the 2010 census, will be hanging at the library, schools and other private institutions around town. Massard says the data shows 80 percent of Duxbury residents fall within the 65 plus range, which is expected to grow. She also pointed out a change in housing, with older residents often looking



It's the first time in 18 years that the town's Master Plan is being updated. Duxbury Planning Director Valerie Massard reviews its details with Planning Board members on Aug. 9.

Photo by Jonathan Pappalardo

to downsize. As for younger residents, Massard cited a 48 percent drop in home ownership among people ages 18 to 35.

Massard said the findings are critical for Duxbury's

growth, and beg an important question for the town: “Where do we want to see ourselves in 10 to 20 years?”

Final results of this visioning phase are expected in October.

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## Envision Duxbury project underway

If you live in Duxbury and are interested in shaping the community's future, consider participating in the Envision Duxbury project. Envision Duxbury is a comprehensive master plan being developed to guide the future growth and economic development of the town, using goals and ideas generated by local community members.

The Duxbury Planning Board, Planning Director, and a group of dedicated group of local “Master Plan Ambassadors” are working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) in Boston to create this plan over the next few months. MAPC is the regional planning agency covering Duxbury and 100 other cities and towns across greater Boston. During the course of the Envision Duxbury process, residents of all ages, business owners, elected and appointed representatives, and others in town will be invited to weigh in on important issues facing Duxbury.

The town and MAPC will review this community input and use it to develop a set of draft goals, strategies and actions, along with steps for implementing each one. After those elements are compiled, the full master plan draft with action items will be released for public comment. Once approved, Envision Duxbury will serve as the guiding planning document for the Town of Duxbury over the next 10 years. The project is slated to be complete in summer 2019.

Looking to get involved? Check out our Instagram page to find events that Master Plan Ambassadors are attending across town this summer and fall. Use the hashtag #EnvisionDuxbury when you upload photos of Duxbury on Instagram! You can also text “I love Duxbury” to 339-209-0385 and tell us what you love, or what could be improved, about Duxbury. To learn more visit [EnvisionDuxbury.mapc.org](http://EnvisionDuxbury.mapc.org) or contact Duxbury Planning Director Valerie Massard at [massard@town.duxbury.ma.us](mailto:massard@town.duxbury.ma.us) and 781-934-1100, ext. 5475.

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