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## Planning for the future

Public input vital for master plan, Duxbury's future growth

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At its June 28 meeting, members of the Duxbury Planning Board outlined the visioning phase of the Duxbury Master Plan, which is being updated for the first time since 1999. The plan will serve as a strategic framework designed to guide the town's future physical and economic development based on visions

and goals set forth by the entire Duxbury community.

The presentation was moderated by Amanda Chisholm and Emily Torres-Cullinane of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, who spoke to an audience consisting of Master Plan Ambassadors in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall. Chisholm,

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**Jordan Hospital Club Lawn Party:** The rain didn't stop these sixth-grade volunteers from serving up the delicious food provided by many volunteers. Shown here but not in order are Henry Ballerene, Ayla Abban, Lily Sparrow, Will Annis, Cody Marconi, Sophia Fawcett, Kate Fitzgibbons, Jack Cressman, Nathan Elliott, Sara Wiemeyer, Beth Yucius, Brady Ericsson, Carson Cerow, Scott Igo, Sophia Radzevich and Peter Evans. See more photos on page 12.

Photo by Deni Johnson

## Board OKs a new roost for Bongi's

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The Duxbury Planning Board voted unanimously June 28 to approve a site plan for the construction of a new building for Bongi's Turkey Roost, located at 414 Kingsbury Way. Due to the phasing plan from the old to new

building, there are no plans for Bongi's Turkey Roost to close during construction.

According to Paul A. Brogna, an engineer with Seacoast Engineering Company, the existing 2,583-square-foot building, built in 1960, "is in need of extensive

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## Counsel interviews pending

By SUSANNA SHEEHAN  
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Town Manager René Read announced recently that there are three law firms that are interested in being Duxbury's next town counsel.

In May, the town issued a request for qualifications asking law firms to consider providing general legal services for Duxbury. Read sent an request for qualifications

packages to the following law firms: KP Law, P.C.; Anderson and Kreiger LLP; Murphy, Lamere and Murphy, P.C.; Galvin & Galvin; Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP; Mirick, O'Connell, DeMallie & Lougee, LLP, Onvia and Clifford & Kenny, LLP.

Read told the Board of Selectmen last week that the town had heard back from the following three firms: Loui-

son, Costello, Condon and Pfaff, LLP; KP Law, P.C. and current town counsel Anderson & Krieger, LLP.

According to Read, these companies will be scheduled for interviews in mid-to late-July in anticipation of bringing forward a recommendation to the board of selectmen in August.

Read said previously that

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chief economic development planner at MAPC, outlined the plan and said phase one, which includes outreach and plan development, will be wrapped up by 2018.

The purpose of the meeting was to give the Master Plan Ambassadors – town residents who act as liaisons between the MAPC and the greater Duxbury community – and members of the planning board an opportunity to voice their concerns and aid in the process of community engagement.

“A survey would be a great vehicle for feedback,” said Torres-Cullinane. Chisholm added they will also hold “focus groups to answer those deeper questions and show data and get reactions.”

Planning Board Chairman Scott Casagrande said there was “doom and gloom in the old master plan,” while Sara Wilson of Bay Road said the previous master plan was “tragically inconsistent” and pushed for accuracy. Myrna Walsh, of Autumn Avenue, desired to “help Duxbury become age-friendly” and hopes this new plan will strike a “good balance” between people with children and those without children.

Planning Board member Jennifer Turcotte hoped there

will be traffic improvements at Hall’s Corner, while former planning board chairman Brian Glennon said this new plan is “long overdue.”

The majority of the presentation, led by Torres-Cullinane, community engagement manager at MAPC, consisted of an open-ended forum designed to pinpoint the methods and purposes of the process and identify the primary stakeholders, or clubs, organizations and committees in which residents participate. The goal, according to Torres-Cullinane, is to reach those who do not attend town meetings and open forums by appealing to them directly through their areas of interest.

“We could take a few minutes to discuss the master plan at a Camera Club meeting, for instance,” said Torres-Cullinane.

Other suggestions, of which there were many in an exhaustive list, included contacting neighborhood associations and reaching residents through the Duxbury Free Library, Duxbury Education Foundation, Duxbury Senior Center, “The Mall” at the Transfer and Recycling Station and social media. Planning Director Valerie Massard suggested reaching out to “young faces. Youth, middle school, high school and the Duxbury Student Union.”

The idea is to get through to people and communicate the most important message: why people should care.

“The plan is a guiding policy,” said Chisholm. “It affects the development, preser-

vation and future of the town and how it grows.”

To aid in public engagement, a survey is being considered, which could be taken anywhere on a mobile device or through paper versions at the library, senior center or even printed in The Clipper.

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“focus groups to answer those deeper questions and show data and get reactions.”

Massard stressed there will also be a website that will “show the story of the process, what’s been done and who to reach out to.”

The short-term strategy is to draft and distribute the survey and launch the website this summer, and then wrap up the community input process

by October.

“At that point we will review what we’ve heard so far, along with existing conditions,” said Chisholm. “Then we’ll discuss the format and agenda for the first public meeting.”

A public meeting is scheduled for Nov. 8. The Duxbury Master Plan will then be presented in March at the 2018 annual town meeting.

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Visitors will be able to climb the 125 steps to a small viewing area at the top, where they can take in the beautiful panoramic view of southeastern Massachusetts, from the Blue Hills to Cape Cod.

The 116-foot granite monument was built in 1898 in honor of its namesake, Captain Myles Standish, who arrived on the shores of a new world with the Pilgrims in 1620.

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