

Synopsis of Comments from May 9, 2018 Public Forum

Transportation Needs (in order of vote preference)

- **Enroll in MassDOT Complete Streets** (8 votes)
 - Comment: To accomplish needs for commuter rail lots complete design requirements for north section TIP
- **Additional / improved sidewalks and crossings** (7 votes)
 - Comments:
 - Should be able to safely walk to commuter rail and Wompatuck Trail
 - Entrance road to Wheelwright Park is deeply potholed
 - To train station; to Shaw's and Stop 'n' Shop
 - Should be able to safely walk to commuter rail and Wompatuck Trail
- **Policies / strategies for dealing with private ways** (6 votes)
 - Comment: educate public on the issue
- **Shared-use paths** (4 votes)
 - Comment: this would be a significant safety improvement in addition to encouraging exercise opportunities
- **Bicycle facilities** (2 votes)
 - Comment: we should be able to safely bike to commuter rail and Wompatuck Trail
- **Parking management** (2 votes)
 - Comment: parking plan for village
- **Traffic calming** (2 votes)
- **Wayfinding** (0 votes)
 - Cohasset retail centers are too limited to require this expenditure

Transportation Issues

- **Missing sidewalks**
 - Jerusalem Road
 - North Main Street
 - Route 3A
- **Dangerous crossing**
 - Route 3A at Crocker Lane
- **Danger intersection (vehicular)**
 - Route 3A at Sohier Street
 - Route 3A at Beechwood Street
 - Route 3A at Exxon driveway
 - Atlantic at Jerusalem Road (comment requests for stop sign)
- **Other**
 - Town shuttle service needed to cope with lack of parking

Open Space and Recreation

Which conservation lands in Cohasset have you heard of and which do you use?

	Use frequently	Use occasionally	Know place but have not used	Do not know place/have not used
Sandy Beach	7	7		
Black Rock Beach	5	4	2	
Wheelwright Park Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary	7	5	2	
Great Brewster Woods Deans Meadow		6	4	1
Turkey Hill	3	4	1	2
Brass Kettle Brook		1	2	6
Ingram Memorial Park		2	5	5
Elms Meadow Duck Pond	1		2	5
Wompatuck State Park	7	6		

Comments/suggestions regarding open space and recreation in Cohasset:

- Better access to ocean/waterfront (mentioned several times)
 - Salt marsh harbor and shore access is important for recreation
 - Create kayak access (and parking) to Little Harbor, the Gulf River and Lily Pond
- Create a dog park
- Wompatuck Park has good access
- Need more bike connections to Wompatuck Park
- There is no parking at Black Rock Beach
- Connect open spaces for better human recreation and wildlife habitat
- Too many potholes at entrance to Wheelwright Park

Clean Energy

Planning objectives

- Improve energy efficiency of municipal buildings (3 votes)
- Purchase electric and/or alternative fuel vehicles for the municipal fleet (3 votes)
- Promote programs and initiatives to encourage reduction of residential and commercial energy use (3 votes)
- Develop a plan to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions (1 vote)
- Explore opportunities to develop clean energy assets in town, such as wind turbines and solar arrays (2 votes)
- Develop charging stations for electric vehicles (3 votes)
- Other
 - Solar canopies on parking lots
 - Not Pond Street, but at the MBTA station

Public Facilities and Services

Building Profiles

- **What do you like about Cohasset’s municipal facilities?**
 - Lightkeeper’s Cottage and Senior Center landscaping done by Garden Club
 - Harbormaster’s view is important to maintain
 - New senior center is being utilized for activities by many age groups
 - Love how the Senior Center is being used

- **How should Cohasset’s municipal facilities be improved?**
 - Find alternative parking for school bus fleet; somewhere besides the DPW parking lot
 - Make maintenance of Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) more efficient and not have to re-invent the management and contracting
 - New Harbormaster building
 - Upgrade fire and police buildings; bring to a central location

School Facilities Planning Priorities

School Facilities Planning Priority	Votes	Comments
School building and site security	1	
<i>Energy efficiency</i>	8	
Routine maintenance	6	Keep with capital plans to repair concrete sidewalks at all three buildings – FY19, FY20, FY21
Athletic fields and recreational facilities	2	
Educational technology and classroom equipment	2	
Visual and performing arts space	4	
Community use of school facilities	2	
Traffic flow and parking	3	Pond Street circulation – left hand turning lane in parking lot and turning lane for drop off
Other (Explain)	1	How can Town expect children with no bus access to walk to school when there are no sidewalks and roads are blocked in with snow banks? Even if we are willing to pay for bus, they said no.

Town Facilities Planning Priorities

Planning Objectives	Indicate Most Important
1. Buildings new facilities equipped with modern technology	1
2. Renovating or repairing existing Town facilities	5
3. Collaborating with external partners to meet facility needs through public-private partnerships	6
4. Preserving Town history	5
5. Limiting expense of Town's financial resources	1
6. Keeping capital assets and public services in Town control	2
7. Informing public and ensuring they have voice in decision making process	1
8. Increasing regional collaboration, through programs such as collective procurement or shared services	6
9. Other (specify)	0