

Appendix N

Recommendations from the Preservation Forum Held on February 3, 2001

Master Plan Forum: February 3, 2001
Preservation Plan Focus Group Priorities

Group 1 *Spokesperson: Paula Penell*

- 1 Tree plantings on Streets
- 1 Inventory of Resources
- 1 Tree planting in Parking Lots
- 1 Preserve town-owned buildings, i.e., schools
- 1 Encourage people to walk in their neighborhoods 3 Lake Shore – North Ave.
- 1 Educate residents about the town's history
- 1 Protect ancient historic sites
- 1 Encourage natural landscaping
- 1 Work regionally when possible
- 1 Traffic Calming/ Improve Walkways
- 1 Encourage/Enforce Maintenance
- 1 Publicize successful restoration projects

- 2 Better business site design standards
- 2 Better Signage
- 2 Incentives to home and property owners
- 2 Design Review for new buildings
- 2 Identify Economic Opportunity Areas – Albion Street
- 2 Tax Incentives for property owners
- 2 Investigate Zoning Protections
- 2 Crystal Lake Watershed

- 3 Protect lakes
- 3 Uniformity Downtown
- 3 Downtown Historic District
- 3 Control Restoration of Buildings
- 3 Install period lighting
- 3 Preserve old manufacturing Buildings
- 3 Create more historic districts
- 3 Underground Utilities
- 3 Solve Downtown Traffic/Parking to provide incentives

Group 2

Spokesperson: Nancy Bertrand

- 1 Open Space
- 1 More enhancements around Lake Quannapowitt, i.e. Lanai Island Park
- 1 Continuity in landscaping between the Lake and the (green) Common
- 1 Preserve and enhance neighborhoods with the addition of trees (trees capes)
- 1 Prevent the demolition of old buildings for new homes, schools, and businesses
- 1 Utilities underground
- 1 Join with other communities to preserve Reedy Meadow, Breakheart Reservation
- 1 Add the center island down Main Street

- 2 Preserve Downtown
- 2 Create a Public Garden (involve garden clubs)
- 2 North Avenue Boulevard
- 2 Incorporate safety considerations into the design of bicycle & walking paths

- 3 Remove the vinyl siding & restore structures back to their original detail
- 3 Recapture Main Street
- 3 Use signage regulations to bring back a uniform architectural theme to Main Street
- 3 Consider the Lincoln School as future Town Hall
- 3 Preserve Neighborhoods
- 3 Carry restoration into adjacent neighborhoods (i.e., Greenwood, Water St., Montrose)

Group 3

Spokesperson: John Leone

- 1 By-laws on Historic Homes with money from State
- 1 better by-laws for land use
- 1 Traffic mitigation program
- 1 Landscaping of Lake Quannapowitt
- 1 Create sitting areas around Lake Quannapowitt
- 1 one pipe for catch basin
- 1 the train depot needs a better sitting area
- 1 school traffic & parking

- 2 Zoning By-Law
- 2 Preservation of large lots
- 2 Preservation of wooded lots
- 2 Visual access to Crystal Lake
- 2 Claim more open space
- 2 rethink parking areas & how they impact traffic, consider remote parking areas with shuttles

- 3 Uniform commercial facades on Main Street
- 3 Downtown uniformity – brick sidewalks
- 3 Fix North Avenue
- 3 Reroute 129 out of Wakefield (create a turn-off near the railroad to divert traffic to Water Street)
- 2 More Landscaping
- 3 Take down the wire - underground utilities
- 3 Traffic flow through town
- ? Grocery store
- ? Recreation/playgrounds
- ? More bus routes

Group 4

Spokesperson: John Wall

- 1 Establish a Land Committee
- 1 Trees: Survey/Preservation/?? Significant trees
- 1 Water: Crystal & Lake Q water quality/education
- 1 Redo War Memorials – town-wide survey/preservation/restore
- 1 Traffic Flow
- 1 Registry of Homes

- 2 Street lighting
- 2 Homeowner assistance: grants/tax incentives/workshops/forums
- 2 Architectural Preservation: private/main street/context appropriate
- 2 Main Street historic district
- 2 Main Street: Façade Program/signage/grants/guidelines
- 2 Signage: new by-laws coupled with grant programs
- 2 Archeological By-laws: preserve/protect ancient sites
- 2 Mechanisms to preserve important private sites – grants
- 2 North Avenue: trees cape/buildings/traffic

- 3 Archives: wicker museum
- 3 Power Lines
- 3 Master Plan for the Common: uses/planting/structures/paved areas
- 3 Program to restore and preserve churches: grants
- 2 New public construction: increase funding & encourage better design
- 3 Art Gallery: space/organization/structure

Group 5

Spokesperson: ?

- 1 More Trees with curbing and watering systems
- 1 survey our historic resources
- 1 add local history to the Wakefield public school curriculum
- 1 more, bigger trash barrels and empty them more frequently
- 1 the town should actively enforce zoning and historic by-laws
- 1 define "historic" and related terms
- 1 specify time constraints . . . terms
- 1 develop a response to Reading's Jordan's/Home Depot development
- 1 aggressively pursue grant and foundation money
- 1 find different architects for our public buildings

- 2 by-laws to prevent the town from selling its open land
- 2 Map and protect historically significant areas
- 2 Local Historic Districts, as opposed to National Register Districts
- 2 Master Plan for an "Olmstead-like" park system
- 2 Control signage through standards or historic district by-laws
- 2 preserve cul-de-sac dead-ends
- 2 moratorium on residential development
- 2 fix our "Logan Airport" downtown lighting fixtures
- 2 add median strip and greenery downtown

- 3 Bury all public utilities, eliminate poles and towers
- 3 Acquisition of land around the lakes
- 3 public education for the owners of historic properties
- 3 make public funds available to support historic preservation of privately held sites
- 3 amend the zoning by-laws to include -- historic preservation
- 3 buy historic properties for public use and/or restoration and /or resale through a non-profit
- 3 augment/locate/protect the town's historic and archeological areas
- 3 more consistent -- wider paths around Lake Q -- promenade rather than sidewalks
- 3 maintain/preserve the pathway running ... around Lake Q
- 3 preserve small wooded areas
- 3 by-laws to control the scale & character of development
- 3 INCENTIVIZE builders/developers to preserve rather than destroy
- 3 area commission on coordinating planning and preservation

Group 6

Spokesperson: David Rice

- 1 beautify Main and Water Street parking areas
- 1 preservation of archeological sites
- 1 examine the parking situation at the high school
- 1 develop better traffic signage throughout town
- 1 advise property owners of the significance of their historic sites

- 2 Signage uniformity for the town center
- 2 urban design/master plan for the town center
- 2 upgrade North Ave walkway around Lake Q
- 2 enhance the Town Forest
- 2 master landscape plan for the upper & lower Common
- 2 Treescape plan that includes all of Main Street with a branch on North Ave & Water Street
- 2 improve North Ave depot area
- 2 utilize the Saugus River – hiking trails
- 2 inventory of resources – identify town owned land and promote to public
- 2 re-examine the telecommunications by-laws
- 2 expedite public construction
- 2 examine the parking situation downtown

- 3 improve the walkways around Lake Q
- 3 Improve Greenwood Center – define it and enhance it
- 3 enhance linkage of Water and Albion streets to Main Street
- 3 recapture and reuse . . . rail areas
- 3 enhance Breakheart
- 3 examine public utility wires – what can be done 0 summarize and promote