



# TOWN of BROOKLINE

## *Massachusetts*

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### RESOLUTION

#### REGARDING THE BROOKLINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2005-2015

December 14, 2004

WHEREAS, the Town of Brookline has demonstrated a commitment to comprehensive planning that spans over five decades, originating with the Planning Board's adoption of the first Comprehensive Plan in 1959 followed by significant updates in 1976 and 1989; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Brookline, through the collaborative Future Search process that involved citizens throughout Brookline, produced a milestone report entitled "Brookline: Ideas of Long Term Planning" that defined key recommendations for proactive, interactive, and ongoing planning; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the Department of Planning and Community Development created a work plan defining key issues and opportunities and the development of a new Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Town Meeting approved funding to implement this work plan in May 2000; and

WHEREAS, in order to guide development of the Comprehensive Plan the Board of Selectmen passed a resolution in August of 2000 establishing a Comprehensive Plan Committee; and

WHEREAS, that Comprehensive Plan Committee consisted of appointees from Town Boards and Commissions, citizens, and neighborhood groups; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Committee has diligently worked to fulfill its charge over the past four years, attending many meetings and hosting approximately 20 neighborhood and community-wide forums; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 41 Section 81-D of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts outlines the required contents of a Comprehensive Plan and identifies the Planning Board as the local authority responsible for adopting a Comprehensive Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brookline recognize the significant work that has gone into development of the Comprehensive Plan by the Comprehensive Plan Committee and members of the public who took time to be involved in the process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen thanks members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee for completing their charge as outlined in the August 2000 resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen accepts and supports the Comprehensive Plan as presented to it on this date, including the visions, goals, policies and strategies contained within; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen expects that the Comprehensive Plan will be used to guide planning, development, and capital investment in the Town for the next ten years, including the drafting of amendments to the Town Zoning Bylaw; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Planning & Community Development should commence development of an Action Plan for implementation of the Comprehensive Plan with a particular focus on the actions that should be undertaken in the next two years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Planning & Community Development should refine this Action Plan with the Planning Board and representatives from the Comprehensive Plan Committee and report back to the Board of Selectmen with a final Action Plan by March 30, 2005; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen forwards the Comprehensive Plan to the Planning Board for consideration and offers its strong recommendation that the Planning Board adopt it under Chapter 41 Section 81-D of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ATTEST:

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Richard J. Kelliher  
Town Administrator

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