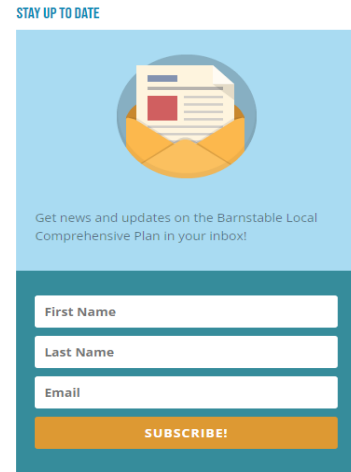


## 2. Community Engagement

Community engagement is a vital component of a healthy, consensus-based Local Comprehensive Plan that seeks to represent the community as a whole. The Local Comprehensive Planning Committee (LCPC) established an Engagement Plan that sought robust input across the Town’s seven villages. The Committee commenced the process by establishing an interactive website to serve as a clearinghouse for important documents and a resource for promoting key events and efforts. Through this website, the public was able to offer comment directly to the LCPC and could subscribe to a virtual newsletter that announced upcoming meetings and events, and highlighted opportunities for public comment. With over 1,000 individuals subscribed, this newsletter served as a vital resource for disseminating relevant information to the public in a timely manner.



Over the course of nine months, the Committee, in coordination with Planning & Development staff, facilitated meetings with village and civic associations, the business community, hosted coffee hours throughout town, and manned information tables at Town gatherings, sporting events, and holiday

Upcoming LCP Committee Meetings	Workshops
<b>Community Events &amp; Meetings</b>	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9/20 – Cotuit Civic Association Freedom Hall 976 Main Street, Cotuit @7:00 PM</li> <li>9/22 – 55+ Community Safety Day Barnstable Adult Community Center 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM</li> <li>9/27 – Youth Commission via Zoom @6:30 PM</li> </ul>	
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10/11 – Barnstable Village Association St. Mary’s Episcopal Church 3055 Main Street, Barnstable @7:00 PM</li> <li>10/16 – Hyannis Open Streets Downtown Hyannis @12:00 AM – 4:00 PM</li> <li>10/22 – Youth Soccer Cape Cod Community College, Barnstable @9:00 – 11:00 AM</li> <li>10/28 – Coffee with a LCPC Member (Osterville Public Library, 43 Wianno Avenue) @9am</li> <li>10/31 – Halloween on Main Street Hyannis, 4pm-7pm</li> </ul>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11/1 – Osterville Civic Association Osterville Public Library 43 Wianno Avenue, Osterville @7:00 PM</li> <li>11/1 – Marstons Mills Civic Association via Zoom @6:00 PM</li> <li>11/4 – Coffee with a LCPC Member Fig Tree Cafe @9am</li> <li>11/7 – Hyannis Port Civic Association via Zoom @7:00 PM</li> <li>11/8 – Greater Hyannis Civic Association Steamship Authority Terminal Building Conference Room, 123 School Street, Hyannis @6:30 PM</li> <li>11/11 – Coffee with a LCPC Member Chez Antoine @9am</li> <li>11/14 – Centerville Civic Association via Zoom @7:00 PM</li> </ul>	

functions. The LCPC posted interactive posters at Barnstable High School, Hyannis Youth and Community Center, and the Barnstable Adult Community Center seeking visioning comments. The LCPC hosted a Winter Open House at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center seeking community input on topics including, but not limited to, housing, jobs, open space, transportation, energy and water and providing opportunity for the public to share their ideas for Barnstable’s future. The Committee crafted a survey to gather information on town strengths, weaknesses, and community priorities. A direct mailer was sent to all residents in Town and a virtual mailer went to all students of Barnstable Public Schools. During this process the LCPC received 1,584 survey responses. The Committee hosted two “Bringing it Together” workshops (one virtual and one in person) to present key themes of public input for further review and discussion among attendees as an initial step in coordinating a community vision.

Key Themes from Engagement:

- Protect water quality in all forms – harbors, rivers, ponds, drinking water
- Protect the environmental resources that Barnstable maintains including open space, beaches, lakes, ponds, habitat, trails, vistas, etc.
- Preserve and enhance tree canopy throughout town but especially in Hyannis
- Protect and enhance tourist appeal, such as quaint Cape Cod features, beaches, open space, etc.
- Preserve diverse community character that is unique to each village
- Preserve historic structures, features, and ways that provide Cape Cod charm
- Expand housing options and opportunities at affordable prices for all ages
- Reduce traffic congestion and speeding; improve pedestrian safety
- Provide more opportunities for children and families—recreation, village events, medical access, specialized education, etc.
- Create more year-round employment opportunities, especially in the Blue Economy and job sectors that provide living wages
- Improve safety in village centers and supportive health and human services for those in need
- Foster opportunities to form community connections and get to know neighbors
- Increase proactive communication and transparency from town government

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Thank you for taking the Local Comprehensive Survey. The Town received 1,545 responses in English, 35 responses in Portuguese and 4 responses in Spanish for an overall total of 1,584 responses. For further insight, please review the [Barnstable LCP Survey Demographics](#).

Local Comprehensive Plan Call to Action Survey

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The outreach and feedback process concluded with the development of a Vision Statement that expresses shared values for future development and resource protection, and represents a growth policy for the community. A draft Vision Statement was published online for public comment. The Committee considered public comment and finalized the Vision Statement which will serve to guide goals to be established with Phase II of the Local Comprehensive Plan update.