

FY24 Objectives - Planning and Community Development

1. Successfully implement all ARPA-funded, Local Rapid Recovery Projects for commercial areas, including: storefront pop-up business incubator, re-envisioning the Centre Street lot, commercial areas public art installations, small business grant program, expanding commercial areas parklets program.
2. Assist Coolidge Corner commercial property owners in forming a Coolidge Corner Business Improvement District (BID).
3. Launch Chestnut Hill West Corridor Planning Study.
4. Submit Linkage Program Home Rule petition to Town Meeting, and if approved, to the state legislature.
5. Work with Health Director to develop life science laboratory regulatory framework and secure Town Meeting approval for lab use (biosafety levels 1 and 2) in Brookline.
6. Dependent on funding availability, commence Brookline's Comprehensive Plan.
7. Draft zoning articles related to MGL 40A, Section 3A, MBTA Communities Housing requirements.
8. Following MBTA Communities Housing compliance, prioritize neighborhood-centered studies that, among other Town goals, increase housing opportunities as well as disincentivize demolition of buildings determined to be significant by the Preservation Commission.
9. Complete update of Local Historic District Guidelines.
10. Dependent on funding availability, commence update to the Preservation Plan.
11. Analyze recent Zoning Board of Appeals cases with regards to effectiveness of Special Permit processes.
12. Continue feasibility analysis and community engagement regarding potential housing development at town-owned parking lots, as directed by the Select Board.
13. Assist the Brookline Housing Authority with their concept planning of the High/Juniper Street property to add significantly more affordable housing units.
14. Implement action items identified in the Housing Production Plan, as prioritized by Housing Advisory Board and Select Board.
15. In partnership with Public Buildings division, identify municipal buildings that should be prioritized in becoming more energy efficient and fossil-fuel free.
16. Budget for Climate Action Plan action items, as prioritized in FY23 Climate Action Plan update.