

Strategic Planning Oversight Committee

The Strategic Planning Oversight Committee was authorized by Town Meeting in Spring, 2006 (see Appendix F). It is charged with managing the planning process, recommending professional consultants and overseeing their work on the project, engaging the public to participate in the process, and coordinating involvement by the sponsoring boards. The SPOC is only a facilitation committee; final authority for all outcomes rests with the sponsoring boards and with Town Meeting.

Member of the SPOC are:

- Rosemary Driscoll, designated by School Committee, is a market research consultant.
 - Teresa Evans, at-large member, is Communications Manager for Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott, a Boston-based architecture, planning and design firm. Ms. Evans serves as a member of the Planning Board, and represents Precinct 7 at Town Meeting. She also represents Natick on the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.
 - Matthew Gardner, Ph.D., designated by the Conservation Commission, is Executive Director of the Earth System Initiative at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Gardner serves as Chairman of the Conservation Commission.
 - John Heerwagen, at-large member, is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Middlesex Savings Bank, headquartered in Natick.
 - Bill Mayhew, at-large alternate member, is an independent consultant, specializing in the specification, design, and development of computerized information management systems for nonprofit organizations; has been involved with strategic planning for several nonprofit organizations and associations in the Boston area; and has been Technical Product Manager for the Trillium Software division of Harte-Hanks, Inc.
 - David Parish, Co-Chair, designated by the Board of Selectmen, is retired from the Federal Home Bank of Boston, where he directed housing and community development programs.
 - George Richards, designated by the Planning Board, is an attorney and partner in the Natick law firm of Goguen, McLaughlin, Richards & Mahoney.
 - Andrés Rochwerger, at-large member, is Principal Project Manager at Boston Scientific Corp., a medical device company headquartered in Natick.
 - Craig Ross, Co-Chair, designated by the Finance Committee, is a partner in Virtual Media Resources, a media research and customer insight consultancy. Mr. Ross is a former member of the Finance Committee, and represents Precinct 4 at Town Meeting.
 - Harlee S. Strauss, Ph.D., at-large member, is President of H. Strauss Associates, Inc., a health risk assessment consultancy. Dr. Strauss represents Precinct 7 at Town Meeting.
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