



# TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Land Use & Inspectional Services

### INVITATION TO JOIN THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE WEST UPTON CENTER PLAN

We are excited to invite you to join the **Working Group** for the Town of Upton's project to **create a plan for West Upton Center**. The first meeting will be **Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM** (more on that below)!

#### What is the Working Group?

The Working Group will be composed of 10-30 community stakeholders. It may include residents of the neighborhood and Upton at large, business owners, board and committee members, and others with interests in specific aspects of Upton, such as local history, open spaces and natural resources, walking and bicycling infrastructure, housing, and the needs of older adults, etc. Together, we will review information about West Upton Center, explore alternatives for the future of West Upton Center, develop a shared vision, and create an action plan that the town will implement over time to make the vision reality. The intent is for the Working Group to provide **a forum for respectful, in-depth conversation about the future of West Upton Center**.

The project is under the auspices of Upton's Economic Development Committee and is funded through Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022 – Earmarks. The Working Group will be advisory to the Economic Development Committee and Dodson & Flinker (the Town's consultant for the project).

This project will follow the same format as the successful Upton Center Plan which was completed in 2019. That plan helped advance: the Library/Community Center in Upton Center, zoning changes for Upton Center, the pocket park underway on Warren Street, and aspects of the MassDOT project for Main Street in Upton Center.

Over the course of the year, the Working Group will meet five times. In addition, attendance at a design workshop and a public forum for the project is strongly encouraged. Each meeting will be focused on a key stage of the project. We understand that meeting date conflicts will arise, but the meetings will build on each other so consistent participation is very beneficial.

#### Working Group Meeting #1--June 23<sup>rd</sup>!

At the first meeting, we'll introduce the Working Group process and then explore what is known about the study area.

**Date:** Monday, June 23 at 7:00 PM

**Location:** The Greatroom, Upton Town Library, 9 Milford Street, Upton, MA 01568

#### Likely future meeting dates:

- **July 30, 2025:** Working Group meeting #2
- **September 13, 2025:** Design Workshop (Saturday morning)



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- **October 29, 2025:** Working Group meeting #3
- **January 5, 2025:** Working Group meeting #4
- **February 25, 2026:** Working Group meeting #5
- **Week of April 27, 2026** (specific date to be determined): Public Forum to share project results

We hope you can join us. Please let us know if you are interested in participating by replying to this email.

We look forward to working with you!