

What is “LPAC” and what does it do?

The Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee (“LPAC”) is a standing committee appointed by the Town Council. Its seven members are resident volunteers with diverse backgrounds, one of whom is a member of the Planning Board. Members are appointed for a 3-year term.

- The Town Council may appoint up to six additional members to assist with the development or update of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. The expanded committee is informally known as “LPAC+.”
- Any Councilor may serve as the Town Council Liaison to LPAC, and is the primary contact between the Town Council and LPAC Chair.
- All LPAC meetings are working meetings that are open to the public. Public comment is welcome and will be taken at the discretion of the chair.

LPAC advises the Town Council on the land use policies of the Town and any other projects assigned to it by the Council in accordance with the annual work plan.

- LPAC assignments include, but are not limited to:
 - analysis and development of recommended land use policies;
 - development and updating of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan;
 - development of specific recommended actions the Town should take to implement the Town’s Comprehensive Plan;
 - development of recommended land use ordinances and regulations and amendments
- LPAC’s work consists of recommendations to the Town Council, which makes final land use decisions.

LPAC works collaboratively with all interested parties and stakeholders to produce informed recommendations to the Town Council. The Town Council decides whether to accept, reject, or modify any recommendations from LPAC.

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