



Laconia Public Engagement Event #2

Engagement Summary

January 5, 2023

Meeting Overview

The project team hosted the second public engagement opportunity for the Town of Laconia on January 5 at the Town Hall. Eight people stopped by the working session to review the draft big ideas and strategies for the future. For individuals that weren't able to make it to the session, an online survey is available. Both the meeting and online survey were advertised through social media and the project website newsletter.

Attendees included:

- Doug Sellers
- Tammy Eschbacher
- David Steen
- Vic McCauley
- Scott Bryum
- Donna Smither
- Mike Armstrong
- Sylene Roby

What did we hear?

The project team walked through each of the nine planning topics ranging from placemaking and parks and recreation to land use and utilities. Each topic has a series of big ideas and a list of supporting strategies that outline how the town could achieve the big ideas. Overall, participants were supportive of big ideas and strategies. A few comments were brought up that resulted in the following edits:

- Within the placemaking section – We revised the gateway big idea to say, “continue to maintain and enhance” rather than upgrade.
- Within the transportation section– We revised the alleyway big idea and statement based on the recent discussions with INDOT. These roadways are actually classified as local streets which means they qualify for state funding.
- Within the economic development section – We revised the funding big idea and strategy to include “Harrison County Community Foundation”, rather than “Harrison County and other non-profit organizations.”
- We also lowered the priority ranking for the Health and Wellness strategy and upgraded the local roadway strategy to a top priority.

The project team will attend the February meeting to present the draft plan and ask the board for final approval.