

Listening post meeting. April 29th 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM. Harvey hearing room.

Attendees:

Suzanne Swope

Paul Reardon

Marty Finn

Pat Costigan

Jack Dowd

Paul Baskan (on Zoom)

The meeting focused on brainstorming ideas to enhance community events. We also discussed safety in Winthrop.

Enhanced community events.

There was an emphasis on leveraging the town's coastal and historical assets. Participants discussed potential initiatives, such as establishing a sister city in another country or state and organizing beach events such as clambakes. The group explored the possibility of hosting events that could attract visitors, such as historical tours, poetry readings in honor of Sylvia Platt, or bringing back sandcastle contests, although that would be competing with Revere. Suzanne will meet with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss possibilities.

Safety issues

Safety concerns, particularly during snow removal on sidewalks, parking lots and streets as well as overall communication during emergencies were addressed. Suggestions were made to improve the coordination among departments and establish clear points of contacts for residents. The discussion highlighted the needs for better communication systems, including the promotion of reverse 9/11 and the importance of updating emergency plans to reflect current departmental structures and responsibilities.