Let's Meet the Planning Team

Dartmouth is continuously engaged in planning work, whether it’s periodically updating the campus master plan, planning for the development of new buildings or the renovation of existing ones, or planning to move people from one space to another. In this week’s newsletter, let’s meet the four employees who serve in the Campus Services Planning Office.

The team is led by Joanna Whitcomb, the campus planner. “We provide strategic campus planning and programming for existing and future facilities by assisting Dartmouth leadership and department heads in the decision-making process as it relates to the physical environment of the campus,” Joanna describes. “We determine the most effective approach (i.e., renovation, adaptive reuse, building addition, new construction, or combination) to meet space needs. We develop the scope, schedule, and budget for projects and help secure necessary approvals. Additionally, we manage systems that track Dartmouth’s space and property assets.”

“The Provost ‘owns’ campus space and determines its best use”, explained Joanna. “Our job is to present options to meet the needs of the users, [and then] work with them and their leadership to make a recommendation to the Provost.” The Planning office is fortunate to have two architect/planners, Susan Lee is the project manager of learning spaces and interiors, and Karen Brown is the project manager of ____________. Kevin Nelson, the Spatial Database Manager is responsible for producing all the campus maps and maintaining the space database. He uses a three-dimensional mapping tool to track every building and parcel of land that Dartmouth owns.

While these employees have an impressive amount of responsibility, they work closely with all the Campus Services departments to get their job done. “Working with smart people from across the campus; identifying all the pieces of the puzzle; and solving it” is what Joanna says makes this job so enjoyable.

Key Date Reminders

Oct. 31: Deadline for the best deals on early bird season passes at the Dartmouth Skiway.

Nov. 1: Deadline for Open Enrollment to sign up for next year’s benefits.

Planning on Lyme Road South

Dartmouth is beginning a planning process to consider development of undergraduate housing, a practice facility for varsity golf and other mission-based options on the former golf course property located north of campus between Girl Brook and the Lyme Road roundabout. This opportunity was outlined in the recently completed strategic framework “Planning for Possibilities”.

The planning phase will include land surveying, wetlands mapping and soil sampling to better understand the potential for development including a source for geothermal energy. It will also consider broader transportation and infrastructure needs and “provide an opportunity for neighbors to share their thoughts on the project and review proposed designs sometime this winter,” as described in an Oct. 27 Dartmouth News article.

A plan for this area should be complete by late winter of 2022. See the planning project website for more details.

Please VOTE for the Pumpkins on page 2
We received just 6 carved pumpkin photos, but they're all FANTASTIC! Thanks to all the carvers.

Please vote for 1 pumpkin in each category (Most Unique, Scariest, and Funniest) by sending an email to Kaitlyn.Christian@dartmouth.edu. Refer to each pumpkin by their number. The voting deadline is noon on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Pumpkin #1

Pumpkin #2

Pumpkin #3

Pumpkin #4

Pumpkin #5

Pumpkin #6