

CITY OF MALDEN FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	
Effective Date	TBD
Signed by Mayor	April 19, 2023
City Council Vote to Adopt Policy	TBD

FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

PURPOSE

The Food Policy Council (hereinafter, "FPC") shall work to prioritize the recommendations of the Malden Community Food Assessment (hereinafter, "the CFA") and create a Community Food Plan. Ensuring that all residents, regardless of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, age, ancestry, sexual preference, familial status, marital status, veteran status, or physical, mental, or emotional capacity or disability, especially historically marginalized populations have access to culturally preferred, high quality, nutritious food. Leadership and processes are established for strategic prioritization of the CFA recommendations and creation of a Malden Food Plan. The FPC shall create a strategic plan with goals and objectives related to the local food system and develop a strategy and deadlines for implementing them.

MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, COMPOSITION

The council shall be comprised of the following members:

One member designated from Malden’s Health and Human Services Department (to act as chairperson)

One member from Malden’s School Food Service Department

One member from Malden’s Restaurant, grocery, or convenience store Community

One member to represent Malden’s Senior Community

One member to be a Malden resident

All the above positions will be appointed by the Health and Human Services Department.

For the purpose of the implementation of the CFA’s recommendations, the Health and Human Services Director can make changes (additions) to the FPC composition in order to ensure success and effectiveness.

*** Membership requirements**

- Attend Food Policy Council Meetings
- Contribute their expertise and participate in the strategic development of the Council
- Represent the FPC positively: be an advocate and role model for the mission of the FPC in their organization and community and be familiar with the work of the FPC
- *The council must represent the diverse populations in the City of Malden to reflect the culture, race, ethnicity, disability, religion and spiritual beliefs, gender/non-conforming, and sexual orientation/sexual identity. For Diversity to be successful, we as a community need to facilitate an inclusive and equitable community. Our goal is to empower all members of Malden to work with the city government to create an equitable food system.
- All members will serve for a period of not more than three years. If a member vacates their position prior to the end of the fiscal year that position will be filled for the remainder of the term by an appointment of the Director of the Health and Human Services Department.
- Three consecutive absences with failure to notify the FPC may result in resignation from the council.

The FPC shall create a Community Food Plan and prioritize the recommendations of the Malden CFA when creating the Community Food Plan by:

1. Bringing together stakeholders from diverse food-related sectors to examine how the food system is operating and developing recommendations to improve it.
2. Involving a variety of stakeholders from different segments of the local food system.
3. Become involved in education efforts and the implementation of policies and programs related to the food system, particularly to help achieve food security.
4. Ensure all policies, practices, and programs launched by the FPC are equitable by utilizing a health equity impact assessment during development and implementation.
5. Ensure the FPC works closely with other boards, commissions, and municipal departments to guarantee that food access and food security goals are included in other municipal plans and policies. These may include but are not limited to: Comprehensive/Master Plans, Transportation Plans, Housing Plans, and Open Space and Recreation Plans (OSRP).

On this date, as Mayor of the City of Malden, I hereby endorse the Food Policy Council specifically as described above:



Gary Christenson, Mayor

April 19, 2023

Date