

October 17, 2016

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Present: Mark Blier, Cliff Thomas, Mark Libby, Jere Ross, Penny Booker

Opened at 6:30 PM

Voted for officers:

Mark Blier, President

Mark Libby, Vice President

Penny Booker, Secretary

Opened meeting with discussion on steps to take to review the Comprehensive Plan (the Plan). We were to read chapters 11 and 12 before this meeting. Various approaches considered. A preference for whole group to review and update one category at a time .

We discussed various points concerning land use, such as cluster housing and open land and ways to protect the rural landscape, access to trails and sprawl.. The pros and cons of impact fees, increased cost of building permits, tax acquired properties and land trusts were considered.

Also brief discussions on streets, business environment and zoning, town water and sewer, low income housing.

Questioned what the state found fault with in the last Plan and what department at the state level now has an interest in comprehensive plans. Mark Libby will look into this. There has always been a question about the 2003 plan because the voters approved it but the state did not approve portions of it. An article by SMRPD this week implies that the town vote affirms the Plan. Jere will ask Krystal to distribute letter from state to committee members.

We discussed the survey that was done in 2013 and Jere will ask Krystal to get a copy to all members to review. We also discussed the need to update the maps.

Mark Blier will contact SMRPD as a first step. They will make a presentation describing their services and costs which will help us to determine how they can be most helpful to the committee.

Mark Libby will contact Waterboro and Standish to see if we can get copies of their Plans to review and compare with ours.

Committee will meet again when SMRPD can be scheduled.

Meeting closed at 7:55 PM