

Town Of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 13, 2002

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Jim Stephenson, Chairman; Charlotte Lester; Greg Foster; Chris McClellan; Harold Burnham; Ben Levy; Charles Turner; Jean Carter; Louise Lester; Rich Rothe, Rothe Associates; and Rick Seeley, GPCOG.

1. Call to order. Jim Stephenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

2. Minutes from May 7, 2002.

MOTION: Jim Stephenson motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Charles Turner.

VOTE: Carried.

2. Rick Seeley, presentation, regional cooperation program.

DISCUSSION: Rick Seeley introduced the Committee to the State Planning Office's Interlocal Support Package which includes such things as a map for zoning, watershed boundaries; information on transportation including policies and recommendations which include transportation projects. He continued that GPCOG would help with any information they can give beyond this package notations. He also said that the Central Corridors Coalition of which Raymond is a member will be developing strategies for solving road problems with traffic and access in the future. The Southern Maine Development Council through GPCOG will be discussing improvements in telecommunications. Rick also noted that there was a Wildlife Habitat Area data base which may be of help with our Plan.

3. Town Meeting, Public Participation Plan:

A. Harold Burnham, school participation summary, plan.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Burnham showed the posters and compositions created by the school children. It was felt that some of the posters and a few of the compositions could be used at Town Meeting and the rest used during the year to help advertise the Comp Plan's work.

It was felt that the questionnaires could be left on the chair seats and then hopefully collected at the booth after the meeting. There will also be questionnaires available at the booth. It was also decided that an address for return should appear on the questionnaire so that people could mail them in if they want more time to think about the questions. It was felt that a subcommittee should review the questionnaires and formulate their logic and points of interest. Whether a question about location of the person answering the questionnaire is on the form, it was decided to leave that off this early questionnaire.

B. Louise Lester, pictures of town, then and now.

Mrs. Lester didn't have pictures at this point but would try for Town Meeting.

C. Chris McClellan, banner for booth.

Mrs. McClellan had the banner and Mrs. Carter said that she would arrange for it to get to Town Meeting.

D. Brad McCurtain, questionnaire final format.

i. Distribution, collection, and tabulation.

Mr. McCurtain was absent but it was felt that everything was ready.

E. Jim Stephenson, brief statement during meeting.

F. Set Up committee:

It was felt that the booth would be ready with Priscilla Rand, Jean Carter, Harold Burnham, and Jim Stephenson saying that they would be at the School around 8:30 to get ready.

i. Time

ii. Supplies, table, mountain material, tape, poster board, etc.

4. Next meeting

A. Agenda

i. Neighborhood meetings

Mr. Rothe felt that the Committee could try a neighborhood meeting and see how it went. He felt that whether they began the process with a neighborhood meeting or a full town meeting was a choice for the Committee. He did say that announcing a meeting where a specific topic will be discussed has not been successful in some other towns. He felt that at the next meeting they should make a decision as to how they will be conducting the meetings and when.

ii. Town Tour

June 8, 2002 at 1:00 pm meeting at Sunset Variety, Roosevelt Trail.

iii. Other

B. Time.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at 7:00 pm Town Office.

Louise H. Lester
Acting Secretary