

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2001

AGENDA

ATTENDANCE: Jim Stephenson, Chairman; Dana Desjardins; Charlie Leavitt; Jean Carter; Harold Burnham; Ben Levy; Charlie Turner; Louise Lester; Rick Seeley, GPCOG; Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Dr. Stephenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office. He felt that at the next meeting the Committee might want to hold an election for chairman in view of the length of time since their last meeting and the fact that there are new members.

2. Consideration of Committee meeting dates and time.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to hold the meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm.

VOTE: Carried.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to limit the regular meeting time to one and one half hours. Noting that some meetings and especially public hearings might last longer.

VOTE: Carried.

3. Discussion of the process for updating the Comprehensive Plan.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that the Committee has a budget for their survey in the amount of \$12,000. Mr. Seeley said that the Committee could proceed in several fashions. Mr. Levy felt they should start with a summary of what has been accomplished since the 1991 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Turner wanted to see samples of surveys used by other towns. He also wanted to address concerns and problems of other towns in order to help Raymond keep out of those situations. Mr. Leavitt wanted the Plan to help our ordinances work and not have loopholes. He wondered if the money budgeted could be better used for legal advice to look at our ordinances

and correct them. Dr. Stephenson wanted to look for outside funds and go ahead toward a survey. He also thought that tightening of our ordinances would alleviate legal issues from which we now need to protect ourselves. Mrs. Carter felt they had to deal with growth and work with Windham and surrounding towns in their business expansion. She didn't feel that commercial expansion in other parts of Raymond happening. Mr. Leavitt thought they should have a report card of the 1991 Plan as a beginning. Mr. Turner asked Mr. Seeley if a town could override the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Seeley replied that it could but that issue would be open for challenge. Mr. Desjardins asked if Federal law superceded the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Seeley replied yes that the Comprehensive Plan should be amended to be in compliance. Dr. Burnham wanted the Plan to forecast the future of what Raymond wants, be a solid foundation for our ordinances and deal with ordinance loopholes. He also felt that the study should be within neighborhoods instead of just zones i.e. the Cape, Village, East Raymond, North Raymond. There was discussion of overlay maps and our GIS program. Mr. Turner felt that the meetings and agenda should appear

4. Adjourn.