



Comprehensive Plan Committee Minutes

August 2, 2023

6:30pm – Meeting

At Broadcast Studio & via ZOOM

Committee Members Present: John Clark, Greg Foster, Kaela Gonzalez, Frank McDermott, Shawn McKillop, Danelle Milone, John Rand, Jackie Sawyer

Committee Members Absent: Peter Leavitt

NSP Staff Present:

Kate Burch, Planner

Sam Peikes, Planner

Town Staff Present:

Sue Look, Interim Town Manager & Town Clerk

Town Staff Absent: Chris Hanson, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer

1) **Called to order** at 6:30pm with a quorum present by Co-Chair Gonzalez

2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

a) July 19, 2023

Motion to approve as presented by Mr McDermott. Seconded by Mr Clark.

Voted 7-0-1, motion approved

3) **Old Business**

a) Check in on Survey Progress

129 responses, so better than before.

Flyers have been put out at businesses in Raymond. Cards have been handed out at Crescent Beach. The Parks & Rec Director, Joe Crocker, has sent it out. When school starts up we will have more avenues to get the word out.

Ask Library to send to their membership. Ask community Facebook groups to post.

We should have a robust survey response (around 10% of the population – 450) before the first public meeting.

Can we stuff the tax bills with another piece of paper? Possibly the business card. Or maybe send a postcard (postcard postage is over \$0.50)?

b) Discuss First Public Workshop Date – late 2023 or early 2024

Consensus to aim for early 2024. Must have food. Possibly do two 1.5-hour sessions on a Saturday or on 2 Saturdays, and plan for a cancellation date. The sessions are normally a presentation, q & a, and then table discussions or activities. January 20, 2024, possibly. Need to look into venue. Possibly use the room at Public Safety. Would want to record the sessions and that would mean using the Broadcast Studio. North Star does have basic recording equipment. *NOTE: We can record and use ZOOM at the Public Safety building.*

4) New Business

- Inventory Chapters

- Transportation
- Economy
- Agriculture & Forestry

Chapters need to be done sometime this Fall.

Possibly have a link to all available chapters instead of needing to find the email with the link to a particular chapter.

- Land Acknowledgment – Co-Chair Peter Leavitt

Co-Chair Leavitt was not available for the meeting and had sent the following:

While I mentioned during several CPC meetings my wish that a Land Acknowledgement be included in the Comprehensive Plan my use of this term was not correct. What I actually wanted was that the History Chapter start with the Indigenous people of Raymond rather than the European settlers. I was pleased to see that NSP started the DRAFT History Chapter with a description of the first inhabitants of Raymond.

- Maps

North Star has a draft set of maps that we can review at the next meeting.

5) Next Meeting Date

a) September 6, 2023

6) Public Comment – none

7) Comp Plan Committee's Comment

Several of the members have completed their Dept Head interviews and are sending their notes to North Star. Mr Foster will go with Mr McKillop to interview the Planning Board chair. Town Clerk Look will send an email to all committee/board members and Town employees.

Mr Rand has been getting emails from the State of Maine regarding the Climate Action

Network which is planning and funding opportunities. Community Resilience Partnership who will fund a large range of projects that support State Climate Goals. The Select Board would need to pass a resolution and the Town would need to meet to discuss the Town's goals and needs. You can get money for joint projects regionally. The Town can apply for multiple grants per year. Possibly the Comp Plan Committee could do some of the pre-work to get this going and present it to the Select Board. There should be a regional coordinator, possibly GPCOG (Raymond is not a member). Can be used for infrastructure projects (ie: LED streetlights) and for planning.

8) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:28pm by Mrs Millone. Seconded by Mr McDermott.

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L Look, Town Clerk