

Chapter 12

CONCLUSIONS, GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND TIMELINE

Introduction

Chapters 1-10 of the Comprehensive Plan set out the present circumstances in the Town of Bridgton as related to a number of different subjects. Chapter 11 is the Future Land Use Plan, the Comprehensive Plan's framework for zoning. Chapter 12 lays out the goals and strategies for addressing these subjects and these circumstances. This is the implementation chapter.

Chapter 12 is in spreadsheet form, essentially an outline spread across the page. It is organized by the chapters found in the Plan: these are the headings of the sections. Each chapter section is organized by, from left to right: subject within that chapter, conclusions of findings on that subject, goals addressing the conclusions, strategies for meeting the goals, in some cases actions on those strategies, and then designations of responsible parties and timeline for implementation and accomplishment of goals.

For example, as you read across, left to right, in People of Bridgton, 2 is the second Chapter, 2-1, the name of the Chapter, 2-1-1, the first conclusion from that Chapter, 2-1-1-1, the first goal that goes with that conclusion, and on across the page. 2-1-1-2 is the second goal for that conclusion and so on. As you read across the page that first goal is further developed into strategies, actions, and implementation information. As you read down the page, more conclusions and goals are added. The sequential numbering throughout is helpful if working in a group, on implementation for instance—to refer to where you are, but has no meaning for the casual reader.

The assignment of responsible parties is secondary to the first and final responsibility for this Plan and its implementation, which lies with the citizens of Bridgton, and is placed in the hands of their elected body, the Board of Selectmen (BOS). It is the Select Board, which will appoint committees and delegate tasks to implement this Comprehensive Plan. The designation of BOS as responsible, across the breadth of the spreadsheet, is implied.

The timeline designations of short-term (ST), mid-term (MT), long-term (LT), and ongoing (OG) are assigned to strategies to help to organize and set priorities for implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. Short-term (ST) recommends that the

implementation of the strategy be completed in 1-3 years, Mid-term (MT), completed in 3-5 years, and Long-term (LT), completed in 5-10 years, by the end of this Plan's tenure. On-going (OG) refers to strategies that are being implemented now to some degree and should continue to be addressed throughout the tenure of this Plan.

As the reader becomes familiar with Chapter 12, it will become apparent how many of the goals and strategies are interconnected across chapter subjects. The hundreds of strategies listed here can be implemented efficiently by looking at how the work can be grouped and distributed to serve a wide range of goals.