

Town of Parsonsfield Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 24 Oct, 2023 Meeting Duration: 6:00PM to 7:15PM

Location: Parsonsfield Town Hall.

Attending: Jennifer Lewis (Vice Chairman); Larry Stevenson (Secretary); Harvey Macomber; Dan Flint; Aaron Boguen; Lynda Sudlow; Raegan Young (SMPDC)

- 1) The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Natural Resources Goals, Policies, and Strategies.
- 2) Jennifer opened the meeting at 6:00PM.
- 3) The Harvey Macomber asked about when will the plan be ready to present to the citizens of the town? The current schedule is a draft will be ready for release by February 2024 definitely March 2024. We should have enough funds to finish the work to that point. We will need to consider publication, public meetings and how to present. Tom stated he is willing to prepare a Power Point presentation. We would only present several sections but make the entire report available for review. We will need a special town meeting for approval.
- 4) We discussed the issue of cluster subdivisions and what that means for Parsonsfield. It basically talks about the ordinance addressing open space requirements, lot sizes, and septic requirements. The example of the cluster development example gave a framework to look at and determine if the town ordinances will cover the needs of cluster developments. This is intended to provide affordable housing in the area. It also limits sprawl. We will want the ordinance committee to consider adding.
- 5) Discussion of Goals, Policies, and Strategies: Natural Resources, 10,17,23.
 - a. The list of items to be completed: one of the major issues is the building permits. Jennifer said she would talk with the fire department.
 - b. There are three policies for natural resources.
 - c. The regulation is the main method for controlling along with conservation and agriculture.
 - d. We need to leave the conservation commission in place and have it regenerated.
 - e. Review zoning ordinance as the ordinance committee is in the progress of doing.
 - f. Dark sky issue needs review.
 - g. Water run off is addressed in the plan as well as stream crossings covering small fish and their ability to traverse the culverts under roads.
 - h. Policy 2. Provide the inventory on the internet, town website.
 - i. Creating the fund is good but hard to collect the funds and use for conservation. The conservation committee could handle this.
 - j. Easements are needed for the beach and boat ramp for Long Pond in case someone passes away and the current agreement will continue.
 - k. Policy 3. Review zoning ordinance.
 - l. The Leavitt Plantation is to be maintained.
 - m. Raegan Young sent the two items promised, The comprehensive plan draft completed items, full list of inventory items.
 - n. Next meeting is scheduled for 28 Nov, 2023 at 6 PM.
 - o. At 7:15 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Submitted

Lawrence Stevenson