

Town of Parsonsfield Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 4 April, 2023 (March meeting) Meeting Duration: 6:00PM to 7:10PM

Location: Parsonsfield Town Hall.

Attending: Jennifer Lewis (Vice Chairman); Larry Stevenson (Secretary); Harvey Macomber; Dan Flint; Aaron Boguen; Lynda Sudlow; Raegan Young (SMPDC); James Baron, Tom Winter.

- 1) The purpose of this meeting was to review Goals, Policies and Strategies Chapter.
- 2) Jennifer opened the meeting at 6:00PM.
- 3) The group reviewed minutes of last meeting Jan 2023. The minutes were approved with no changes.
- 4) Harvey stated the Comprehensive Plan Committee budget had \$8,930 a balance. We need to save some money for town meeting hearing and printing of materials. The objective date is Sept. 2023. What do other towns have for plans? Is a question that was asked. Raegan stated we have a full inventory draft. Harvey introduced a animal support plan from New Hampshire to look at including into the comprehensive plan.
- 5) Discussion of Goals, Policies, and Strategies:
 - a. Are the state goals current and updated? They should be. The Growth Management Act of 1990 sound nice but are not reality. They are visionary, lofty and regional goals Do we need these goals?
 - b. Population density is not in our ordinances. We might suggest density requirements.
 - c. Some items in the current Goals, Policies and Strategies section are not the responsibility of the Zoning Board.
 - d. Why say we do something if we don't later. The list is too much. Remove some of the strategies because it is too undoable. We need to reduce nonrelevant items. We could break them into (done, not relevant, not done still relevant). What specific developments you want
 - e. Do you need to be specific in the goals, policies and strategies. We should list actions for the ordinance zoning board. We need to consider mineral rights and gravel pits. What do the people in the community want for gravel pits? We should also look at speed limits and road conditions. Landfill is an additional issue to address.
 - f. Does Parsonsfield have a policy or strategy to address functional and astatic needs? Fits the character of the town. Policies can't require DOTME to do things. We ask Selectmen to review.
 - g. Item #4 should address working with the state to create walkways in the village or township. Is there anyone that could be a POC? How can we work with DOT? This should be two years out. The mill plan would require a sidewalk plan for the village. The mill project is in the works and we will see what happens. This needs to be included in the comprehensive plan and strategies.
 - h. We could look at Brownfield and Porter Townships plans for additional guidance. We are putting together what we are planning to do from the present. We should walk through our goals. We need to use words like highly recommend, encourage and should. What is still relevant, listing three policies per goal, and strategies should stay under 10 for each policy.
 - i. We will need to do some public engagement before the September town meeting.
 - j. Next meeting is scheduled for 25 April, 2023 at 6 PM.
 - k. At 7:10 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Submitted

Lawrence Stevenson