

# Town of Parsonsfield Comprehensive Plan Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 30 May, 2023 Meeting Duration: 6:00PM to 7:43PM

Location: Parsonsfield Town Hall.

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

- 1) The purpose of this meeting was to discuss what next the month meeting will cover, review Goals, Policies and Strategies Chapter.
- 2) Jennifer opened the meeting at 6:03PM.
- 3) The group reviewed minutes of last meeting 25 April 2023. The minutes were approved with no changes.
- 4) The group discussed whether we would meet or not with Raegan off with her wedding, congratulations. We could invite the fire and rescue folks and other to attend and discuss issues we are researching. Maya and Jesse will not attend so no need inviting them. We could have someone interview them to get the information we are seeking. Jesse with the building permits does not get paid to maintain data base. We do not have a computer program showing new building construction just permit requests. Cornish also does not track individual buildings being constructed. The road commissioner is also not paid. They receive funding from funds from the permits paid for. Is this a conflict of interest? The selectmen are paid very little.
- 5) Are the staff or elected official's performance reviewed by anyone? No. Maybe they can submit self-evaluations. This would be hard with no hierarchy structure in place. The admin assistant might be responsible for this, but we do need staffing and their responsibilities to be addressed.
- 6) Discussion of Goals, Policies, and Strategies: Residential.
  - a. Policy 1 Number 1. Cut it, already being done.
  - b. Policy 1 Number 2. Change from encourage to require open space when addressing subdivision and clusters including rural development. Density size and setback also addressed. Planning board should require zoning and the planning board said we can refuse.
  - c. Policy 1 Number 3. Remove encourage language. What does cluster mean? Houses close together and the remainder of the space will be open space.
  - d. Policy 1 Number 4. Keep it as is Maybe move this to another spot. Is this done? No. Could we move it to the ordinance committee. Should we create a committee to review the policies every 5 years or so? What is the size of sub divisions, can we limit size or the increase of its size.
  - e. Policy 2 Number 1 MVBEC adopted in the state standards. Maine state fine structure is known in the regulation codes and enforcement officer can work to bring the situation into compliance. Helpful but what is fair share?
  - f. Policy 2 Number 2 Fine structure is there to help enforce. New and used structures.
  - g. Policy 2 Number 3 Maintain specific organizations
  - h. Policy 2 Number 4 Remove
  - i. Policy 3 Number 1 Remove
  - j. Policy 3 Number 2 Very little land in town control. Cut it.
  - k. Policy 3 Number 3 No application to use. Someone from town hall provides the information.
  - l. Policy 4 Number 1 Cut it, this is done.
  - m. Policy 4 Number 2 Code officer needs support when notified.
  - n. Policy 4 Number 3 Cut it
  - o. Policy 5 Move to another section, add something general about adopting LDR 2003. What date? Densities? Add in the person responsible for dealing with LDR 2003.
  - p. Print copies of the plan as it is now as draft.

- q. Next meeting, we will look at economy goas.
- r. Next meeting is scheduled for 27 June, 2023 at 6 PM.
- s. At 7:34 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Submitted

Lawrence Stevenson