

# Town of Parsonsfield Comprehensive Plan Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 29 Aug, 2023 Meeting Duration: 6:00PM to 7:25PM

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 Winters.

- 1) The purpose of this meeting was to discuss drafts of Goals, Policies, and Strategies for Arts and Recreation, Local Economy, Plan Inventory, List of needs.
- 2) Jennifer opened the meeting at 6:00PM.
- 3) The group reviewed minutes of last meeting for July 2023. The minutes were approved with no changes.
- 4) Harvey stated \$1000.00 was added to our budget and we should have \$5292.01 remaining.
- 5) We will look at two sets of Goals, Policies, and Strategies. For the Inventory Draft we need to the Smooth Feather youth. Do they get some funds. TV 2 at the high school gets funds from Spectrum. The Greatful Undead paragraph can be reduced in size. Can we add website links? Yes, it is easy if we make it a PDF on the internet, and we can add the URL on hard copy. We still need more information on the fire department. The roads commissioner issue are more money and not enough time. FEMA was here for a briefing talking about funds and grants. Are we growing slowly or faster than we think. What and how do we compare the growth. We can add tracking growth to our goals and policies for permits. Being able to compare year to year is best practice, this is something the planning board could do, but we need a strategy to add it for them. Do we have anything that shows empty houses? Is there something showing seasonal houses occupied or rented, yes.
- 6) Discussion of Goals, Policies, and Strategies: Arts and Recreation Draft review.
  - a. Do we need a recreation committee. Facilities we have are under-utilized. Maybe we get with the Sacopee Recreation Council to see how we are utilized or over looked.
  - b. We can look at adding things for olde residents. After Sept 9<sup>th</sup> we will be covered by MMA insurance. We can recommend the town establish a recreation council.
  - c. We reviewed each policy and goal.
- 7) Discussion of Goals, Policies, and Strategies for Local Economy.
  - a. Tree Growth areas were discussed as well as Open Space Areas. We need to address home use for businesses.
  - b. We need to have an infrastructure plan for the village covering the mill area. Lights, sewer sidewalks are just some of what needs to be looked at. There was a feasibility study done several years ago.
- 8) Next meeting is scheduled for 26 Sept, 2023 at 6 PM.
  - a. At 7:25 PM a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Submitted

Lawrence Stevenson