

Town of Parsonsfield Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Meeting Duration: 06:00PM to 07:05PM

Location: Parsonsfield Town Hall.

Attending: Sabin Beckwith (Chairman); Jennifer Lewis (Vice Chairman); Harvey Macomber; Allen Jackson; James Baron; Aaron Boguen; Dan Flint; Lynda Sudlow; Larry Stevenson (Secretary)

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, 26th of April, 06:00 PM at the Parsonsfield Town Hall.

1) The purpose of the meeting was to continue formation of the Committee and dissemination of information relevant to the committee's work; elect the committee officers; discuss approach to the compressive plan vs. the town ordinances; receive assignment to prep for next meeting with SMPDC.

2) Harvey Macomber organized and managed the meeting until we elected new committee chairman.

3) Potential committee members were reminded to complete the required training, State Freedom of Access Act and sign form. Many handed in the completed form.

4) Three positions were nominated. A volunteer or person to hold the position was proposed for each position and seconded as required. The group voted for each position with the result as follows:

Chairman - Sabin Beckwith

Vice Chairman – Jennifer Lewis

Secretary – Larry Stevenson

5) Discussed the differences between the Comprehensive Plan and the Town Ordinances.

a. The Comp Plan is guidance and vision of where the town wants to go and the Ordinances are law.

b. Ideally, they match.

c. We should have the Comp Plan completed before the Ordinance committee completes their work.

d. Ensure members also on Ordinance Committee bring up any conflicts noted.

6) Next meeting will be with SMPDC.

a. All committee members should review data provided by SMPDC

b. Develop questions, issues, or corrections.

c. Send questions to Larry Stevenson by 15 April to compile as one list. Additional questions, issues and corrections can be brought to the meeting on 26 April 2022.

7) A question was raised; did we have comprehensive plans from other communities? It was noted we did and several references were recommended for reading to include state guidance and "The Limitless City"

8) During open discussion the issue of Sub divisions and traffic issues on RT153 was discussed.

9) Stated goals for the 26th April 2022 meeting; committee will talk with SMPDC concerning data provided by SMPDC; request suggestions as to how to proceed with completing the plan.

10) A motion was made and seconded to end the meeting at 7:05PM. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.