

Town of Parsonsfield Comprehensive Plan Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Nov 29, 2022

Meeting Duration: 6:00PM to 7:30PM

Location: Parsonsfield Town Hall.

Attending: Sabin Beckwith (Chairman); 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 review Communities Facilities; review revised sections.
- 2) Sabin opened the meeting at 6:00PM.
- 3) The group reviewed minutes of last meeting Oct 2022. The minutes were approved.
- 4) There are different numbers for students being home schooled. Differences are between the state, superintendent's office, and school board. Who is registered and what they estimate. The public library needs to add it is member of regional library system allowing them access to all resources. This is a shared facility with Porter (community facility).
- 5) Discussion of Communities Facilities:
 - a. The old town hall is still owned by the town and used. It is on the historic registry since 2002 or so but needs some work. Drainage is an issue along with the roof which needs to shored up. The toilet is also a problem.
 - b. The Fred Morrill School should change to "Former Fred Morrill School). List as Fred Morrill Municipal building. This building is being set-up as an emergency resource building.
 - c. List the health center and new walk-in center in Cornish.
- 6) Public Safety:
 - a. The Volunteer Fire Department is located in Kezar Falls Village with unmanned facilities in other parts of the town. Three cemeteries are maintained by the town. There are 159 plus smaller ones. There are three public workers full time for the town. The school board, road commissioner and animal control officer are shared with other towns and receive a stipend.
- 7) Facilities:
 - a. The Lovejoy building used to be part of town facilities
 - b. The solar panel farm not truly making money. It brings in about \$800.00 annually and the maintenance contract cost \$600.00 yearly.
 - c. Can we add more public use events for the town, pickle ball at the municipal building and other events. Do we rent the building to groups? No, they get permission to use the facility.
 - d. The fire equipment will need more money for equipment. They will send the requested amount to the town soon. Should we list it as fire protection or emergency assistance? The response time for fire or ambulance is significant to some areas since they are not fully manned 24 hours a day and the back roads and distances; it could be 40 minutes. The state police assist in responses to issues. The town funds one deputy sheriff officer and the car. The other counties and towns respond when available. 911 is located in Sanford even if Oxford County facilities may be closer.
 - e. The water supply is replenished from the aquifer and stored in tank above the village. The water tank only supplies the village, the rest of homes is from wells. The hydro energy company is private but supplies to CMP. Consolidated Phone and Spectrum are the phone services for the town but they do not cover all houses with internet or cable services. There is a recycle committee but they are not very active, they submit a report each year. We use the tri-county transfer station in Hiram for major items like construction material.
 - f. Highway Planning and road commissioner, is there a method to the madness? Yes.

- g. Cemetery info needs some work. Manly all the ones out on farms and family plots. The town owns North Parsonsfield, Town House, and East Parsonsfield Cemeteries. Remove the others listed. Mention Maplewood Cemetery as largest in the town. Piper Farms Cemetery should be removed.
- h. In the summary section we need to remove Blazo School. Mention the town supports the American Legion with funds to help veterans.
- i. We will skip the December meeting so the next meeting will be Jan 24 2023 with 31 Jan as a snow date. We will look at chapter 9 and 10. Land Use.
- j. At 7:30 a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Submitted

Lawrence Stevenson