

Town of Parsonsfield Comprehensive Plan Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Meeting Duration: 6:00PM to 7:07PM

Location: Parsonsfield Town Hall.

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

- 1) The purpose of this meeting was to review Transportation revisions; review revised Local Economy.
- 2) Sabin is out due to illness and Jennifer opened the meeting at 6:07PM.
- 3) The group reviewed Raegan Young's updated Chapter 1, the committee members agreed it looked good. Lynda Sudlow's updated Historical paragraph can be added into Chapter 1, the committee agreed.
- 4) It was requested if we should have phone numbers of all committee members and Raegan Young asked for an updated email list. Harvey Macomber stated he had a list and if any member needed the numbers, they could have a look at it and he would ensure Raegan had the current email list.
- 5) Internet was down due to recent wind and thunder storm and internet had not been stored. We could not review minutes from last meeting. Harvey Macomber was not able to access the posted minutes, all were asked if they had any changes. Tom noted he was listed as present but was not in attendance. Change was noted.
- 6) Discussion Transportation:
 - a. Page 3, comments about the program that can help the town with planning improvements, what is it? SMPDC said they know of the program and can help us with it. It will tell us needs to be repaired based on use and what is the usage rate as of the last survey done by the state. The Road Commissioner should see the program and review this document. This will assist the commissioner in asking for more money, what little is available.
 - b. We reviewed the maps depicting responsibilities for road maintenance. Rt. 25 falls under MDOT.
 - c. A discussion on the charts showing commuting distances shows the same data in two separate columns in order to reduce the size of the chart, but the data is the same.
 - d. There was a discussion of trails in the area. One trail has two large mounds on either side of the trail, why? It is understood this is to prevent motor vehicles for using the trails. Should this trail section be in this section or another area, such as recreation. We will shall keep it in the report but move it later.
 - e. Review of accident chart was concluded to be mostly in the winter.
 - f. Results of an old survey stated the community felt they had good access to all areas. The survey was a small sampling. A note was made that some roads are closed during winter months. It was noted that Merrill Hill Rd and Moulton Hill Rd are not in the eastern portion of Parsonsfield and that should be changed. The covered bridge off Rt 160 was discussed. The issue of what is a state road or not will be looked at by SMPDC's transportation section. Problems with Elm St state or local may be solved.
 - g. There is an issue with the community and the state on Rt 25 with the curb construction.
 - h. We need to fix the commuter data and mention of the mill in the first sentence. Are we a rural employment zone?
 - i. In the survey those that responded stated needing transportation, but a question where were they going was not included. Several of the results were not expected. Many residents car pool when required. What age group were most of the respondents.

- j. The speed of traffic on Elm and Rt 25 was discussed and the flashing speed signs help some. There was a discussion about changing speed limit signs, the state may change other things after.
- k. Residential will be the next section reviewed and Aug meeting.
- l. The next meeting is scheduled for 30 Aug at 6:00PM.
- m. At 7:07 a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.
- n. Note hard copy changes of local income attached.

Submitted
Lawrence Stevenson