

Parsonsfield Comprehensive Plan Committee
June 25, 2023

Members Present: Jennifer Lewis, Jim Baron, Aaron Boguen,
Harvey Macomber, Lyn Sudlow

Jennifer Lewis opened the meeting at 6:04, sitting in for Chair Sabin Beckwith who was not able to attend. Tom Winter was also absent (dealing with water pump problem). Other members not present had previously informed us that they would not be able to attend.

With diminished numbers we briefly looked over the latest version of the Comprehensive Plan that Raegan had sent us. Lyn Sudlow said she would check it against her list of possible edits and get that to Raegan before next meeting. The group also looked at the new version of goals, policies and strategies. The consensus was that we liked the new format.

We also commended Aaron for his great list of current ordinances that referred back to the "current" 1993 Comprehensive Plan. We reiterated how beneficial it is to our mission to have members of the Planning Board on our committee. Their input will assist us in creating a document that will be useful to the planning board and easier to consult than the previous Comprehensive plan. The process is showing to be useful to the Planning Board members, as well. Aaron mentioned that after his review, they may be pulling out all the ordinances that refer to shoreland and putting them into their own reference book (like has been done to subdivision ordinances).

We discussed establishing accountability to ensure ordinances are enforced. Also important is the need for adequate compensation for staff, need for a fee structure, Would a constable be helpful with enforcement of ordinances? Need to answer these questions once we have our plan together.

There was also some reference to horses and carts. (You shouldn't put the cart before the horse. The goals, policies, and strategies being the horse and the Planning Board being the cart.).

The group then shifted into a general discussion of the need to put together a master plan for Kezar Falls village --- especially now

that things are actually moving with the Mill and the Stanley building. The buildings to the east of the Stanley building are also changing hands and being put to new uses. Sidewalks, crosswalks, parking, sewers could all be part of the discussion. Grant money may be available to help develop a master plan. Raegan would know about that possibility.

We decided that (at the least) we should facilitate a meeting of the owners of the businesses in that area to find out how they feel about the changes. Maybe in August or September?

How do you like the acronym "KFAB"? Kezar Falls Area Businesses?

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Next meeting will be July 25, Parsonsfield Municipal Building @ 6pm

Lyn Sudlow, stand-in secretary