

Bowdoinham

Comprehensive Planning Committee

06/08/2021

Present: Tom Deforest, Bill Stanton, Kevin Twine, Peggy Christiansen, Joanne Joy, David Asmussen, Jennifer Curtis. Dave taking minutes.

Meeting called to order 6:32.

Reviewed minutes from last meeting

Peggy moved to approve minutes, Dave 2nd. Minutes accepted without discussion.

Question of how to get community input for visioning. We have a budget of \$1000/year.

Review of how it was done 10 years ago. Small discussion groups working with Craig Freshley in the Town Hall. Drafted vision from that meeting. (see comp plan)

Craig Freshley seems pretty busy, but may have a list of good recommendations. BCDI may know a facilitator as well.

Joanne Recommends no August meeting.

End of September for larger visioning meeting. Possibility of fishing for input at Celebrate Bowdoinham in September.

Planning to meet with groups individually and draft some questions to ask of each group. Could be done before the larger visioning meeting. Bill points out to consider putting in items to be avoided in the vision statement. (ie. Bowdoinham in has Y but does NOT have X) The comp plan for 2034 will refine what the 2024 plan said.

State Guidance on comprehensive plan vision statement:

"The plan must include a vision statement that summarizes the community's desired future community character in terms of economic development, natural and cultural resource conservation, transportation systems, land use patterns and its role in the region"

This state guidance can be used to frame questions to different community groups.

Could send out list of questions to the community group. Consider using this to seed discussions before a larger facilitated meeting.

Tentative meeting plan

Joanne – fire department, cemetery committee

Dave – Farmers, BCDI,

Peggy – Gardeners, Library, Solid Waste

Kevin – Age Friendly Committee

Tom – Guild of Artisans

Jennifer Curtis – CDAC

Other groups – snowbirds. (Allen Acker) , Rec department, BCS parent partnership.

Rough elevator speech for the meeting with individual groups:

“Thank you for your time, we are working on developing a new vision for the comprehensive plan. The state statute on comprehensive plans says that a vision statement is how the community envisions what Bowdoinham looks like in 2034 in terms of character, economic development, natural and cultural resource conservation, transportation systems, land use patterns and its role in the region. Does this community group have a strong interest in one of these areas?”

Tom moves that we should do visioning first, because updated data is not ready yet, peggy 2nd.

Committee votes, yes, we will do visioning first.

Action Items:

Joanne will draft elevator speech

Dave will draft elevator speech.

Jennifer will ask BCDI who their facilitator was

Rest of committee brainstorm different groups to contact.

Next meeting July 13th.

Meeting adjourned 8:08