

Comprehensive Planning Committee

April 9, 2024

Attending: Dave Asmussen, chair; Buddy Schott; Jan Marks; Jason Lamareau; Peggy Christian; Bill Stanton; Yvette Meunier, staff. Craig Freshly, consultant, on zoom for part of the meeting.

Jan moved and Peggy seconded to approve minutes from March 13, passed with one abstention.

Dave reported he gave a four-minute presentation to the selectboard on the Comp Plan. They were supportive but did not take a formal vote. They advised us to be prepared for questions about the new sections.

We discussed the May 22nd educational forum. It is important to advertise this as another opportunity to ask questions but to clarify that we are no longer seeking input. Dave will give a short presentation and will moderate the meeting. It was agreed not to hire Craig.

The Housing Sub-committee has plans to send a postcard to town residents regarding land-use ordinance changes that will be on the June town meeting warrant. Grow smart Maine will fund the mailing. They will present the content of the mailing at our May meeting.

Jason moved and Jan seconded a motion for Dave to sign a letter of support for a grant from Project Canopy. The 50/50 grant will be matched by the Rideout Family Trust and will fund tree planting at Cathance Meadow Park.

Buddy moved and Jan seconded a motion to instruct Dave to send a letter of support for a CORA grant. This grant would fund interpretive signage at our two parks.

The remaining time was spent prioritizing where our focus should be once the work on the Comp Plan is complete. Dave had developed a system to rate the 12 possibilities by their ease, impact and urgency to facilitate decision making. It was agreed to also conduct a public survey to obtain input from the community.

Recorded: Peggy Christian