

## Comprehensive Plan Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/4/26

Time: 6:02 PM

Attendees: Allison, Jan, Bill, Buddy, Mike, Peggy (chair), Yvette (staff)

Guests: Jason Hodde, Joanne Joy, Justin Schlawin

Agenda adjustments: none

Meeting Secretary: Mike

Elect Vice Chair: Jan nominates Mike, Allison seconds, Mike accepts; no other nominations, Mike approved (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes: Allison moves, Bill seconds, May 13 meeting minutes approved (unanimous)

Public Comment: (none)

Discussion, items: Open Space Plan

Peggy opened discussion by reporting that some among us were “shocked” and that she herself felt “disrespected” by the resent vote by the Select Board against the approval of our proposed contract with Viewshed to help develop an Open Space Plan for the town. Others concurred. At Peggy’s invitation, Justin observed that such a response was “not uncommon” among Maine towns, explaining some of the concerns and misunderstandings that occur and that it is unusual to assume in advance the need for ordinance revisions. Others commented similarly about the clarity of distinction between the Open Space Plan itself and any eventual proposed ordinance changes.

Allison asked what is our recourse given the situation and Peggy responded that Joanne had put the Open Space Plan back on the agenda for the next SB meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Jason explained that the prospect of ordinance changes “scared everyone” (ie- on the Board), and that he would have preferred to table the proposal and to arrange a “two-step process” for approval, separating the Plan itself from the possible ordinance proposals. After some further discussion, he also suggested that he might move to rescind the previous vote and that the Board could then proceed to again consider approving the Viewshed contract. The possibility of

amending the contract proposal before the next meeting was discussed but rejected as impracticable.

Peggy then offered a draft document for consideration to present to the Select Board at its next meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. This was discussed and various amendments proposed, with eventual consensus in principle to be recirculated by Peggy for final approval before that meeting. It was agreed that Allison would be the primary presenter, with assistance from Jan, and that others will attend and offer support as seems appropriate. (Chair Peggy will unfortunately be unavailable.)

Future agenda items: Depending on the outcome of the Select Board meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>, the Committee will meet as previously scheduled on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> with Viewshed to discuss how to proceed and set a date for the first public meeting about the Open Space Plan.

Adjourned: 7:32 PM