

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 AT 6:30PM

Kendall or ZOOM

Present: Jean DeBellefeuille (Chair), Ian McConnell (Secretary), John Scribner, Yvette Meunier

Absent: Lee Parker

- I. Meeting called to order with requirements for a Quorum met
- II. Committee Nomination
 - John Scribner was nominated as Vice Chair, seconded and approved unanimously.
 - Committee discussed the need to get more people on the committee in general.
 - Question was also raised as to whether it is worth considering globally the structure and efficiency of the Town's committee work. Is the current committee structure optimal for the current work and goals of the town? For broader consideration by the Town.
- III. Meeting minutes from 7/2/24 were reviewed and accepted as written
- IV. Agenda accepted as presented
- V. Old business
 - a) Recap on Comprehensive Plan Committee presentation
 - Jean and Ian attended Comp Plan meeting to discuss areas of overlap between project priorities of CDAC and Comp Plan Committees.
 - Meeting was overall positive and insightful. Comp Plan Committee is getting input on top implementation priorities from community at Celebrate.
 - It will likely be beneficial to touch base with Comp Plan team again in the coming months to ensure alignment of workplans moving forward.
 - b) Staff update
 - Village Partnership Initiative (next steps & public engagement)
 - Consulting team has developed community survey as well as maps for public input at Celebrate.
 - Next CDAC meeting will be 10/15 at same time as first VPI public input session.
 - Community Outdoor Recreation Assistance Recovery Program grant
 - Received grant for interpretive signage, more than \$100K
 - CDAC will be working with consultant team on project execution
 - c) Mural update and review letter to selectboard

- Draft letter to selectboard was reviewed by committee without major suggested changes. Committee agreed to propose a \$15K budget for the project based on cost estimates from local muralist.
- Possible concerns that may come up:
 - How will people feel about having a mural on a private building? Who deals with maintenance? What if the building is sold?
 - What is expected life of the mural?

d) Review Economic Development Comp Plan Section

- Committee quickly reviewed items from Comp Plan workplan assigned to CDAC
- It was generally agreed that the committee would like to focus on infrastructure, village, and economic projects. The committee does not feel it has the time or competency to focus on forestry and framing initiatives.
- An updated analysis of broadband availability in Bowdoinham may be worth pursuing.

VI. Next CDAC meeting is scheduled for October 15th at 6:30pm, concurrent with the first public input session for the Village Partnership Initiative with Maine DOT and consulting team.

VII. Meeting Adjourned