

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES: August 2025

Date: 8/13/2025

Time: 6:00pm

Present: Jason, Peggy, Jan, Bill, Yvette (staff)

Absent: Buddy

Guests: N/A

Adjustments to the Agenda: Committee recruitment

Notetaker: Jason

Public Comments: N/A

Approval of Minutes:

- (1st) Jan & (2nd) Bill
- All in favor YES

Staff Updates: Yvette presented the opportunity to apply for the Community Resilience Partnership Grant from the State of Maine. The project for the grant would be to acquire a consultant to help with the Open Space Plan and Land Ordinance revision review. Yvette asked the committee for a letter of support. Bill motioned, and Jason seconded, the committee support this grant application and Peggy sign a letter of support. The motion passed 4-0.

Subcommittee Updates: Jan and Peggy reported for the Tree subcommittee. The subcommittee has agreed to focus solely on Village District #1 at this point. The goal is to have a policy developed in time to present to the select board by the first of the new year in order to be placed on the warrant for the 2026 town meeting. They would like dedicated space at the Comprehensive Planning Committee booth for Celebrate Bowdoinham. There will also be an Emerald Ash Borer presentation at Merrymeeting Hall on September 15th at 7:00pm.

Discussion Item #1 “Eggs in a Basket” activity for Celebrate Bowdoinham booth: The committee discussed which items/priorities to include for the egg basket activity. Jason motioned, Jan seconded and all voted in favor to approve 9 basket categories for the activity:

- Habitat
- Agriculture
- Recreational Trails
- Scenic Vistas
- Forests
- Rivers / Streams
- Playgrounds / Parks
- Hunting / Fishing
- Cultural / Historical Sites

Discussion Item #2 Review Open-Ended Questions, Booth Resources and Staffing for Celebrate Booth: This item was tabled to the next meeting which falls just prior to the date of the event.

Discussion Item #3 Bill's Open Space Questionnaire: The entire committee applauded Bill for the amount of effort and hard work he has put into this project for the booth at Celebrate. Discussion was held around the small size of the cards and the print as to whether they would be readable. Yvette agreed to work with Bill to try printing the questions and answers on a larger card stock and bring the mock-up of the question board to the next meeting.

Discussion Item #4 Recruitment: The committee briefly discussed recruiting more members. Personal acquaintances and relationships with community members was mentioned. Should take advantage of discussions at Celebrate Bowdoinham also. The group agreed to continue the recruitment conversation at the next meeting.

Committee Member Comments: N/A

Next Agenda Items: Set up mock booth for Celebrate, fine tune activities for Celebrate. Discuss tabling resources and staffing the booth.

Adjourn: 7:32pm

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Yvette Meunier DATE