

Comprehensive Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Present: David Asmussen, Chair; Yvette Meunier, Staff; Jason Lamoreaux, Buddy Schott, Jan Marks, Bill Stanton, Peggy Christian

Guests: Logan and Ashley Feeney

The meeting was called to order at 6:00, with David presiding and Bill recording the minutes.

The May minutes were read and approved. unanimously No items were added to the agenda.

New country store owners, Logan and Ashley Feeney, were introduced., and they briefly outlined their plans for reviving the business. The committee enthusiastically expressed their full support and wishes for success.

Staff Update: Yvette reported that the Midcoast Council of Governments was willing to provide a speaker on two more occasions to help with open space planning. She is considering applying for a \$75,000 grant that could be used for this purpose. There is \$10,000 in the town budget that could be used to hire a consultant to map open spaces. The updated CPC Working Agreement was unanimously approved by the committee. The Select Board has yet to register their approval for solar panels on the fire station roof.

Tree Care Planning Subcommittee: Jan Marks said the subcommittee is in the process of preparing a mission statement and determining the steps for completing a plan. She said a community workshop is planned for September. She noted that her committee is having a problem identifying the location of public spaces.

Gas Pumps: Peggy asked why the gas pump ordinance change was put on the town warrant by the Select Board without any prior discussion by the Planning Board or our Committee. It was acknowledged that while the Select Board had the right to do so, the importance of the issue deserved planning board and our input. A formal vote was taken whether to allow more than two pumps. The committee voted NO, unanimously. Dave will present the committee's reasons during the town meeting, if a discussion results.

Open Space Plan: Yvette will send out an email, referencing towns that have open space plans. The idea is for committee members to read the various plans and be prepared to present their thoughts at our next meeting. Dave said that the committee should expect a brainstorming session next time. He also plans to solicit information from the public during Celebrate Bowdoinham.

General Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Recorded: Bill Stanton