

Notes from Hancock Comp Plan Meeting May 7, 2024

Comprehensive Plan Committee members present: Chris, Mary, Ant, Doug, Patricia, Ruth, Rod, Brett.  
Meeting begins at 6:03PM at Hancock Town Hall

Doug addresses 5 questions and 5 responses from residents. Memorial Day event the surveys will be available and Mary will be there to talk about the Comp Plan Committee questionnaires – she will also attend the annual meeting 5/14. The questions will be related to the “vision” questions – what would you like to see in our community’s future?

Hancock Town Election Day is May 13th 1pm to 7pm

Hancock Town Meeting is the evening of May 14th at Hancock Grammar School

Poster will be developed and displayed for community outreach via the survey – and responses for Comp Planning (CP) feedback. Doug will check with Renee, who is not present tonight, who made a poster for Easter (egg hunt at the school?) but the event did not work out. Intention is to help recreate the poster.

Doug and Ruth were not supportive of using HCPC. Doug and Ruth went to a planning meeting in a nearby town and HCPC guided the process but it was not well done. HCPC also seems to be extremely busy (overextended?). Ruth went through the list of planner consultants that she contacted for help/contracting for planning. Musson Group and North Star Planning may be options. Musson gave them an outline of a proposal. The committee agreed that Musson should be contacted for a full proposal and Ruth will need to reconnect.

Discussion about the questionnaire that will be distributed to residents – Brett finished the draft questionnaire – one section included questions from prior Hancock questionnaire and the discussion with HCPC at a CP meeting earlier this spring. Another section were new questions that Brett added. Brett suggests that the questionnaire be uploaded to google survey (online) for any committee member review.

Potential additional questions: 1) about protecting natural resources from development or overuse by human intervention. 2) to add is reference to control of non-natural light to encourage night sky viewing.

Brett will rewrite, fine tune, and finalize the questionnaire for last edit when the committee meets again to review in June.

General question came up about the timing of Comp Planning questionnaires and visioning sessions. Agreement that summer people will be included and distribution will likely be later summer.

Visioning sessions may take place at the Historical Society and/or at the Point in August, and in the Fall at the school. Questionnaires to be available at the Fire Dept. in the Fall and at Town Hall in the summer (August).

Next meeting June 6th at 6pm at the Town Hall

Adjourn 7:25PM

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Kontur