

Comprehensive Plan Committee Minutes

Town of Hancock

December 5th, 2024

In attendance: Rod Franzius, Ruth Franzius, Doug Kimmell, Chris Holmes, Brett Ciccotelli, Renee Duncan, Tim Kief, Ant Blasi, Mary Turner, Trish Kontur, Noel Musson

The committee discussed the logistics of mailing out a survey notice. The address list we have from the town does not easily filter into a mail merge function. Postal patron mailing may reach people who rent.

We chose the following three topics for the Musson Group to begin researching:

Land use, Housing, Critical Natural Resources

Noel Musson joined the meeting via zoom and advised the group on beginning the process. We expect that the committee will be able to take inventory of public facilities and assess their current conditions.

He suggested that the committee should go through goals and strategies sections of current plan and determine which actions have been completed, which may be incomplete but are still interesting ideas, and which ones are not valid ideas and are not done. During the engagement process, test the validity of actions—does the community still value it?

We spoke about a timeline: We will need to have facilitated conversations on growth areas, update data sections, formalize a vision. Some key parts of the process will include key findings from data sections (2 meetings), a community survey, meetings with any standing committees in the town (several months), investigation of goals and strategies for each topic area. We will need to plan for time to share our findings and synthesis with citizens. We should expect to submit a plan to the state in 2026. A year from now our draft should be done and in the state's hands. The state needs a couple of months to review the plan.

"A comprehensive plan is an opportunity to say how wonderful our community is and have hard conversations about change. How are we changing while maintaining things we love about our town?"

The committee spoke about other places we'll post about the survey and get the word out.

For the January meetings, the committee is tasked with filtering out goals and recommendations from the 1992 plan to decipher whether it's been accomplished, still a good idea but not accomplished, or no longer valid and not accomplished. Consider how to tweak actions to make more suitable or attainable.

With the addition of the three chosen topic areas to October minutes and change of date to November minutes, all committee members approved October and November minutes.

Meeting adjourned.