

**Comprehensive Plan Review and Implementation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 22, 2016
5 PM**

Attendees: Bob Gerber, Meghan Cooper, Marion Breeze-Williams, Kendra Chubbuck
Remote Attendees: Sue Chamberlain

Agenda:

- I. Welcome and record those present. Do we have a quorum of members? Who is willing to help? Who is just coming for information?
- II. Approval of minutes of May 25 meeting (if quorum of members is present).
- III. Continued discussion of town landing/dock rules
- IV. Discussion of Colwell Ramp issues (based on recent meeting of Colwell Ramp Committee in Stonington)
- V. Capital improvement budgeting—what should priorities be? Cost of each?
- VI. What can we do to help move the electric company office? Prospective date end of July.

Bob opened the meeting at 5:00 PM. There is no quorum, so this will be an informal discussion until/unless we have a quorum.

Bob began with some updates:

911 addressing

Bob has finished the map and list of addresses. These are posted on the town website, and notices of the public hearing (July 7) went out with the tax bills, are posted, and will be published in the newspaper. Written comments may be made up to 30 days beyond the hearing. Meghan has not yet put out a box to solicit names for “Main Road.” She will do this soon.

Colwell Ramp

There was a meeting of the Colwell Ramp Committee. Bob and Dan MacDonald went. Stonington has two projects they are looking to complete. The first (short-term) is to replace concrete planks on the boat launch ramp. This would cost about \$5000. The other project (long-term) is to complete the granite fill on the east side and add a float. Stonington is hoping that Isle au Haut might decide to contribute \$5000 per year to the Colwell Ramp, as we used to. The Colwell Ramp Committee also discussed moorings and clearance for barges. There only appear to be a couple of moorings that need to be moved for barge access. Isle au Haut would have to go to the harbor commission in Stonington and make the case for moving them. Stonington has indicated willingness to be flexible regarding the 45-minute time limit for docking boats at the Colwell Ramp.

Power Company/Telemedicine

The oil tank has been moved out of the building. An electrician will need to be hired to disconnect the generators; they are very high voltage. The estimate for when the office will be free is the end of July. An agreement between the Town and the Power Company on the transfer of properties has not yet been reached.

Town landing/dock rules

Bob has been brainstorming how landing rules could be realistically enforced. The best solution would likely be to boot offending cars until a fine is paid. Again, an ordinance would be required to establish the rules and the penalties. In terms of enforcement, if someone refused to pay the fine, the Town could eventually put a lien on their house.

On the subject of abandoned cars—is there a way to encourage people to get rid of their junk cars? Three or more unregistered cars constitutes a junkyard. Owning a junkyard requires a permit from the selectboard, enforced by the town code enforcement officer. The Town could choose to enforce this.

There are currently no fees for tie-ups and moorings. This could be explored, if the Town desires.

Capital budgeting

Some things that might fall under the heading of capital improvements:

- Library expansion/move to new place
- Increase of float space
- Landing parking expansion
- Fire station improvement
- Road maintenance
- Telemedicine

There would need to be a committee to decide what the capital budgeting fund would be spent on. It would be a good idea for the town to consider setting aside money at each town meeting for such a fund.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, at 5 PM.

There has been no quorum, so this has been an unofficial discussion. The group adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Cooper