

Comprehensive Plan Review and Implementation Committee (CPRIC) Minutes
Monday, August 31, 2015 at 5:30 PM
Revere Memorial Hall

Attendees: Paul Lewis, Meghan Cooper, Bob Gerber, Harold van Doren, Kendra Chubbuck, Gerry Wurzburg, Kris Carlson-Lewis, Nancy Calvert, Wendall Chamberlain, Sue Chamberlain, Bill Calvert, Rudi Graf

Paul presented an **agenda**:

- I. Review and approve minutes from 8/11/15 meeting.
 - II. Survey status/issues
 - III. Proposed process to identify top implementation priorities
 - a. Policies, strategies, proposed actions, and overall progress
 - b. Top 10 candidates (work in progress)
 - IV. Update on specific implementation priorities
 - a. Land use/planning board
 - b. Medical center
 - c. Other
 - V. Other business
 - VI. Set date for next meeting
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Meeting opened by **Paul** at 5:31 PM.

Review and approve minutes from 8/11/15 meeting

Bob moved to approve the 8/11/15 minutes with the following corrections:

- August 31 is a Monday, not a Tuesday
- Addition of **Kendra's** follow-up email message from after the 8/11 meeting

Kendra seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Survey status/issues

Meghan reported that she has collected 19 digital and 4 hard copy responses so far.

Committee members have received some comments from the public about how it would be easier to make informed answers to some survey questions if they knew how much the proposed projects would cost and what the town's current financial obligations are. There have also been some questions about what other possible forms of government or modifications in the current form there would be. It might be that there are not a lot of options that make sense for a town like IAH other than the listed options on the survey: executive secretary, administrative assistant, town manager, finance/budget committee. **Meghan** will look at the Maine Municipal Association website to see if anything else looks promising.

It might be a good idea for us to send a link to the survey to various IAH organizations' email lists. Possible lists: ICDC (**Gerry** will check on this and get back to **Meghan**), Point

Lookout Association (**Rudi** will check on this and get back to **Meghan**), or Boat Company (**Meghan** will check with George Cole).

Proposed process to identify top implementation priorities

How to implement and what to implement? How to engage the community in the implementation process?

Paul has prepared Handout #1: "IAH Comprehensive Plan Worksheet." This is a spreadsheet that summarizes the policies and strategies identified in the 2012 plan, with **Paul's** take on their current status, steps taken since 2011, any proposed action plans or next steps, and whether he considers each a candidate for his "Top 10" list of projects.

Paul has also prepared Handout #2: "Top 10 Candidates." This is a work-in-progress document. **Paul** suggests that coming up with a short list (a "top 10" or "top 5" list of priorities) would give us something to present to the community with the projects that we want to work on most strongly or first. Then we can start making concrete steps toward achieving these goals.

We should also (maybe as part of this list) try to look at quick hits/low-hanging fruit—projects that can be easily accomplished with a minimum of controversy.

Gerry suggested that we can probably reduce this list to a smaller number. Some of the proposed projects could be combined, as they are related. For example, discussions about the school or broadband could be linked with economic development, as they are important services for attracting new residents and families,

Paul noted that his current list does not cover the entire plan—he needs help from the rest of the committee to identify top projects in sections in which he has less experience.

To do: Everyone will take a look at their assigned sections (read through the spreadsheet) and note what needs to be added/changed.

Kendra will get the list that John made when he was making his map (about the houses and who lives in them) and give it to **Gerry** and **Bob**.

Rudi thinks that we might also be able to identify quick hits as we are reading through our sections.

Paul has another revision to the warrant article about the potential healthcare building: *To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of creating and maintaining an island health care clinic in a location still to be determined. (Recommendation is \$5000).*

We do not currently have a fire chief. What should we do about this? Ideas: increase compensation, create a job description (to include time commitment, responsibilities, accountability).

Gerry suggested we propose something for the warrant relating to the fire chief. **Rudi** pointed out that compensation is determined at the meeting, so if we want to raise the compensation, someone can propose that at the meeting. The warrant article is not necessary.

Nancy commented that the fire chief is an incredibly important job, especially on the island. Is increasing the salary going to help the problem? **Harold** suggested that for any of our articles going on the warrant, it is very important to talk to voters before the meeting to gauge support and make sure everyone understands the issue.

Rudi asked whether the town is willing to spend money on fire equipment.

The plow trucks are also in questionable condition—have they been repaired over the summer to prepare for the coming winter?

Harold thinks that the responsibilities of fire chief need to be specifically delineated at the town meeting. Then people might better know what they're signing up to do.

What can we contribute? We could draft job descriptions. (Samples might be available on the ME Municipal Association website.) If the selectmen think this is something important, maybe we could be the ones to draft the documents.

Paul: We do have the authority to take initiative on some of these projects ourselves. A lot of the things we are discussing were approved by the town in the last comprehensive plan. Projects such as improving the fire department could be something we do as an Implementation Committee. There is money in the budget for fire chief training. The fire chief answers to the selectmen.

It is suggested that representatives from the committee should meet with the current selectmen about the fire department to see what actions we should take. **Paul** and **Bob** will attend the next selectboard meeting. We should establish a relationship with the selectmen. The fire department is likely a good opening issue.

Update on specific implementation priorities

There currently appear to be three or four alternatives for housing a future medical center/clinic:

- Parsonage: The church appears interested in leasing the building, but there is some conflict over whether the full building would be available, or just a couple of rooms. Being able to stay at the parsonage is a draw for summer ministers.
- Power Company building at the town landing: This is owned by the town and leased to the Power Company. The Power Company is currently very busy with new developments in addition to regular maintenance, and does not have time to work on clearing it out. There is no septic, but there is a well.
- ICDC house for sale: ICDC will be meeting soon. The first priority is--and will remain--to sell to a year-round family. The advertisement will be edited to reflect its potential use for a community building.
- Other homes: Payson's house, for example? (Listed for \$400,000)

The town also has housing needs for the Historical Society, library collections, a fitness center, etc.

Bob talked to Laura Jacobis (who donated AED to the town). She is interested in helping out, especially in the medical area, though she likely does not have time to chair any efforts.

Gerry talked to Rachael Dugan about medical projects: she is interested in being involved. She has done telemedicine at her job and is a medical professional.

Kris says we should also loop in Sharon Daley from the *Sunbeam*. **Nancy** enthusiastically agrees. Other people to talk to: Donna Wiegler of Swan's? Scott Schiff-Slater? Scott Planting?

Sharon Daley will have an informational meeting at some point about what the Seacoast Mission can do to help.

A medical center would be a draw for new families.

Set date for next meeting

The next selectboard meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 7, at 6:30 PM.**
Our next meeting will be **Friday, September 18, at 5:30 PM.**

Meeting adjourned unanimously at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Cooper

Handout #1: See attached.

Handout #2

Top 10 Candidates Comprehensive Planning Review and Implementation Committee

Work In Progress
August 31, 2015

Note: The following represent specific policies or strategies highlighted in the Town of Isle au Haut 2011 Comprehensive Plan. The Chapter/Section reference appears in parentheses.

1. The town, through the select board, will support the work of Isle au Haut Community Development Corporation (ICDC) and other organizations to provide affordable housing and **economic development opportunities** (Population and Demographics)

It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to encourage **small-scale entrepreneurial business and cottage industries** (Economy)

2. The town and school board are committed to providing **quality K-12 education** (Population and Demographics)

It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to provide **quality K-12 education** (Public Facilities and Services)

The town shall **keep the Isle au Haut Rural School open** regardless of enrollment. The school board should investigate magnet programs to help **boost enrollment** (Public Facilities and Services)

3. It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to encourage telecommuting, working and other home based occupations. The town shall ensure that **high speed internet** and other necessary infrastructure is available in all residential areas (Economy)
4. It shall be the policy of Isle au Haut to investigate methods of becoming more **energy independent** (Economy)
5. It shall be the policy of Isle au Haut to maintain safe, adequate and environmentally friendly **parking at the Isle au Haut town landing**, and work with the town of Stonington to ensure safe and affordable parking for Isle au Haut community members (Transportation)

The town, through the select board, shall **enforce parking ordinances at the town dock** and investigate options for expanding the parking area to accommodate some **long-term parking** (Transportation)

Town landing taskforce shall oversee the creation of a **sign at the town landing with road and dock rules** (Transportation)

6. It is the policy of Isle au Haut to provide **fire** and emergency medical **services** (Public Services and Facilities)

The town shall **fund a fire department** and support several EMT's (public Services and Facilities)

The volunteer **fire department** will ensure that **equipment is operational and hold periodic trainings** (Public Services and Facilities)

The **fire department** will hold **public fire safety educational sessions**, including wild land fire prevention practices (Agricultural and Forest Resources)

The volunteer **fire department** will **ensure that equipment is operational and hold periodic trainings** (Agricultural and Forest Resources)

7. It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain **effective and efficient town government** (Public Facilities and Services)

8. The town shall encourage the safe and proper **disposal of bulky waste** on Isle au Haut (Public Facilities and Services)

9. It is the policy of Isle au Haut to provide fire and **emergency medical services** (Public Services and Facilities)

The town of Isle au Haut recognizes and supports the efforts of the Maine Seacoast Mission to provide **telemedicine** and community services to outer islands (Public Facilities and Services)

The town shall fund a fire department and **support several EMT's** (Public Services and Facilities)

10. The town shall begin to **keep all records electronically** (Public Services and Facilities)

11. It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to **encourage agricultural enterprises** (Agricultural and Forest Resources)

**IAH Comprehensive Plan
Policies, Strategies, Proposed Actions and Overall Progress**

Chapter/Section	Policies	Strategies	Status	Proposed Action Plan and/or Next Steps	Overall Progress Since 2011 (subjective scale of 1 - 10 where 1 is "No Progress" and 10 is "Complete"	Top 10 Candidate?
Population and Demographics	It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to encourage the growth of a healthy, diverse and sustainable year round population of about 100. Seasonal population growth will not be encouraged.		Year round population may be declining. Semi-year round population appears to be growing. Seasonal population also appears to be growing (new seasonal construction on the east side)	Need year round, semi-year round and seasonal census data estimates from 2009 and now	1	
		The town, through the select board, will support the work of Isle au Haut Community Development Corporation (ICDC) and other organizations to provide affordable housing and economic development opportunities	Two new ICDC homes, both rented; lost BDC as an employer; one new year round home under construction; no new economic development opportunities		2	X
		The town and school board are committed to providing quality K-12 education.	School is in trouble ... only 2 students enrolled, families keeping their kids out of school, teacher retiring, school board members resigned The term public services is a very broad term.		1	X
		The town, overseen by the select board, will continue to provide quality public services.	Some services continue at a high rate of quality, others need work		5	
		The town will work with other island communities and organizations to maintain year round island communities	The town continues to engage with it's key partners	Identify new communities and organizations that the town would like to work with and designate a point person for each	5	
Economy	It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to encourage and support marine based enterprises, which have long been the basis of Isle au Haut's economy		The town continues to support marine-based enterprises	Confirm with fishermen that this is the case Would the town support/appoint/hire an economic development director or possibly share one with another community? Discuss alternatives w/economy "team"	9	
		It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to encourage small-scale entrepreneurial business and cottage industries	Relatively little progress		2	X
		It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to encourage telecommuting, writing and other home based occupations. The town shall ensure that high speed internet and other necessary infrastructure is available in all residential areas	Relatively little progress as it relates to "encourage". Current TDI internet speed will never support economic development. Broadband study underway with the Island Institute/Tilson	See comment above re: economic development director. Work with Tilson and the island Institute to identify and assess broadband alternatives	3	X
		It shall be the policy of Isle au Haut to investigate methods of becoming more energy independent The town recognizes the importance of an on-island general store that serves the needs of the community	Power company has received vote of support from the coop members to pursue a solar/battery/diesel hybrid generation system	POCO board solicit proposals.	5	X
		It shall be the policy of Isle au Haut to create a friendly and welcoming climate	Impressive financial results and customer feedback for the store in 2015	Store board has identified opportunities for improvement Discuss alternatives w/economy "team"	8	
		Relatively little progress		3		

<p>The town will support the work of Island Community Development Corporations (ICDC) to provide affordable housing and economic development opportunities</p> <p>The board of selectmen and planning board will support the lobster and fishing industries as well as any marine related activities that are seen as compatible with values of the community. This includes working to ensure access to marine resources for the people of Isle au Haut</p>	<p>The town continues to support marine-based enterprises</p>	<p>Confirm with fishermen that this is the case</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>The town of Isle au Haut will work with surrounding towns, including Deer Isle and Stonington, to encourage regional economic development</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>Assuming that this is a selectman responsibility, discuss status and future plans w/John D</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>The town encourages the power company to investigate alternative energy sources while continuing to provide reliable electricity</p>	<p>Power company has received vote of support from the coop members to pursue a solar/battery/diesel hybrid generation system</p>	<p>POCO board solicit proposals.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>The town and the Isle au Haut boat company shall work together to ensure that the boat services and schedule continue to meet the needs of the community</p>	<p>Boat company is building a new boat. No known issues w/boat schedule</p>	<p>No action required Discuss current and future marketing programs w/John D and Catherine</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>The town and ICDC shall work together to market Isle au Haut as a welcoming interesting community</p>	<p>two new families have moved to the island. Limited IAH PR/articles</p>	<p>Marketing programs w/John D and Catherine</p>	<p>4</p>

Housing

<p>The town will support the work of Isle au Haut Community Development Corporations (ICDC) to provide diverse affordable housing for different target groups, including young families</p> <p>It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to seek to achieve at least 10 percent of all housing built or placed during the next decade be affordable</p> <p>It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut that energy efficiency and green building should be encouraged</p> <p>It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut that any new development shall not threaten long-term water quality</p>	<p>The zoning ordinances shall be amended to permit accessory apartments or similar in appropriate locations</p> <p>ICDC and the town will seek funds from a variety of sources, including Maine Housing, Community Development Block Grant Program, USDA Rural Development to rehabilitate and increase the year round housing stock.</p> <p>The town selectmen will maintain an inventory of available town land</p> <p>The town selectmen will document a transparent process for the transfer and sale of town land</p> <p>ICDC and Planning Board will encourage energy efficiency and green building standards for all new construction and major rehabilitation ventures and explore economic incentives for such practices</p> <p>The town of Isle au Haut shall adopt a PACE energy ordinance so that residents are eligible for PACE loans</p>	<p>Two homes since 2011 fall into this category</p> <p>No formal policies or programs in place</p>		
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The planning board shall ensure that all new construction does not harm Isle au Haut's water quality

Transportation

<p>It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to work with the Isle au Haut Boat Company to provide regular, affordable, safe and convenient transportation between Isle au Haut and Stonington.</p>	<p>Boat company schedule and operations appear to be working well</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>10</p>	
<p>It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to work with the town of Stonington to ensure an adequate landing area for barges It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain a safe public landing area for the docking of boats and landing of barges It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain safe roadways during all seasons of the year It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to ensure and encourage a safe number and proper disposal of vehicles on Isle au Haut It shall be the policy of Isle au Haut to maintain safe, adequate and environmentally friendly parking at the Isle au Haut town landing, and work with the town of Stonington to ensure safe and affordable parking for Isle au Haut community members</p>	<p>No progress regarding town landing parking</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>X</p>
<p>The town, through the selectmen, will work with the board of the Isle au Haut Boat Company to ensure that the mail boat is meeting the needs of the Year Round community on Isle au Haut The board of selectmen shall form a town landing taskforce</p>	<p>Boat company schedule and operations appear to be working well</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>10</p>	
<p>The town, through the select board, shall enforce parking ordinances at the town dock and investigate options for expanding the parking area to accommodate some long-term parking</p>	<p>No evidence of enforcement. Looking at parsonage land as potential for long term parking</p>	<p>Review results from parsonage survey question</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>X</p>
<p>The town of Isle au Haut shall work with the town of Stonington to ensure that there are affordable parking options in Stonington for Isle au Haut residents The town, through the road commissioner, shall continue to maintain the public roadways on Isle au Haut in a safe condition through out the year The town shall implement a deposit policy to ensure the proper removal of cars from the island at the end of their useful life</p>	<p>Town roads appear to be in good condition.</p>	<p>Road commissioner to prioritize improvements/repairs</p>	<p>7</p>	
<p>The town of Isle au Haut will work with the towns of Stonington and Deer Isle to address regional traffic concerns Town landing taskforce shall oversee the creation of a sign at the town landing with road and dock rules The Isle au Haut representatives to the Colwell Ramp Committee shall ensure that the ramp and its management are meeting the needs of Isle au Haut residents</p>	<p>No evidence of signage at town landing</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>X</p>

Public Facilities and Services

It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain public infrastructure, including town landing, pier, floats, ramps and roads at a safe and effective level	Town infrastructure appears to be in good working condition	Review with John D Hold town meeting to elect new selectman. Consider new form of town government. Review survey question results	7	
It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain effective and efficient town government	Town government has been less than effective and efficient the past few years		3	X
It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain Revere Memorial Hall in a safe and efficient condition	Revere Memorial hall appears to be in good working condition.	Check on status of furnace	6	
It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to support Revere Memorial Library	Library is in need of more space but is supported by the town	Identify and evaluate expansion possibilities for the library identify new fire chief and increase compensation. Review survey question results. Identify medical center alternatives	5	
It is the policy of Isle au Haut to provide fire and emergency medical services	No fire chief and limited services. The few EMT's on island store equipment at the fire house.	Review with Bill c and chapter/section team	2	X
It is the policy of Isle au Haut to provide safe and efficient garbage and recyclables collection	Garbage and recycling efforts appear to be working well	Review with Bill c and chapter/section team	7	
The town shall encourage the safe and proper disposal of bulky waste on Isle au Haut	No evidence of bulky waste process or procedure	Review with Bill c and chapter/section team	1	X
It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to provide quality K-12 education	School is in trouble ... only 2 students enrolled, families keeping their kids out of school, teacher retiring, school board members resigned	Elect new school board at town meeting. Establish recovery plan	1	X
It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain postal services on the Island	Post office appears to be working well	No action required	10	
The town of Isle au Haut recognizes and supports the efforts of the Maine Seacoast Mission to provide telemedicine and community services to outer islands	The town recognizes the importance and uses the services of the Sunbeam. However, the town doesn't appear to be supporting the MSM.	Identify medical center alternatives.	2	X
	No evidence that town records are being kept in electronic form	Review with John D and new elected officials	1	X
The town shall begin to keep all records electronically	Revere memorial hall appears to be in good working condition.	Check on status of furnace identify new fire chief and increase compensation. Review survey question results. Identify medical center alternatives	6	
The town, through the select board, shall ensure that Revere Memorial Hall has adequate lighting and is in good repair	No fire chief and limited services. The few EMT's on island store equipment at the fire house.	identify new fire chief and increase compensation. Review survey question results. Identify medical center alternatives	2	X
The town shall fund a fire department and support several EMT's	No evidence that equipment is being maintained. No evidence of training programs.	Review survey question results.	1	X
The volunteer fire department will ensure that equipment is operational and hold periodic trainings	There appears to be an up-to-date phone tree in case of emergency	Confirm phone tree with John D and other elected officials	9	
The fire department shall maintain an accurate phone tree for spreading alarm		Review w/Bill C and town officials	5	
The town shall work with the town of Stonington to improve solid waste disposal options		Review w/Bill C and town officials	3	
The town shall implement a deposit policy to ensure the proper removal of cars from the island at the end of their useful life		Review w/Bill C and town officials	3	
The town shall investigate the local use of material recycled on the islands		Review w/Bill C and town officials	3	
The town shall keep the Isle au Haut Rural School open regardless of enrollment. The school board should investigate magnet programs to help boost enrollment	School is in trouble ... only 2 students enrolled, families keeping their kids out of school, teacher retiring, school board members resigned	Elect new school board at town meeting. Establish recovery plan	1	X

The town and school committee shall support professional development and networking opportunities with other teachers on Maine's outer islands				
The school shall continue to offer k-8 extra curricular activities such as music, sports and art both on the island and through distance technology	Extra curricular activities continue to be supported	Look for a new art or music teacher?	5	
The town shall continue to retain housing for the schoolteacher	The Miss Lizzie house appears to be the preferred housing ... now rented for the summer	Conform w/John D	5	
The School committee shall ensure that the school building is safe, well maintained and efficient	The school building appears to be in good working condition	Confirm w/John D and school committee. Check on status of furnace	6	
The select board shall work with the US postal Service to maintain the Isle au Haut Post Office	Post office appears to be working well	No action required	10	
The select board shall maintain ties to the Maine Island Coalition and appoint representatives	Representatives are in place	Confirm w/John D and Comp plan committee members	9	

Recreation and Open Space

It is the policy of Isle au Haut to maintain the facilities at Revere Memorial Hall including the gymnasium, library and reading room				
It shall be the policy of Isle au Haut to work to maintain public access to significant local scenic areas				
It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to protect the natural ecosystems of the town, especially the water quality of Long Pond				
It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain public access to Long Pond and the shore	Revere Memorial hall appears to be in good working condition.	Check on status of furnace	6	
The town shall continue to appropriate funds to keep Revere Memorial Hall in good condition and make improvements where necessary. The town should pursue alternate funding for major improvements				
The Isle au Haut Land Conservation Trust is available to hold conservation easements on key parcels				
The planning board and code enforcement officer will enforce shoreland zoning ordinances to protect water quality				
The Town of Isle au Haut shall work with Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to continue stocking Long Pond				

Agricultural and Forest Resources

It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to reduce the forest fire risk				
It is the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to encourage agricultural enterprises	No evidence of programs to encourage agricultural enterprises		1	X
The town will work with the fire department, National Park Service, landowners, and power company to reduce the amount of dead down wood				
The fire department will hold public fire safety educational sessions, including wild land fire prevention practices	No evidence of educational sessions programs.	identify new fire chief and increase compensation. Review survey question results.	1	X
The volunteer fire department will ensure that equipment is operational and hold periodic trainings	No evidence that equipment is being maintained. No evidence of training programs.	identify new fire chief and increase compensation. Review survey question results.	1	X

Isle au Haut's planning board will consult with Maine's Forest Service and Knox County's Soil and Water Conservation District when re-evaluating zoning ordinances

The planning board and code enforcement officer will ensure that all forest harvests are conducted in a manner that protects water quality and prevents erosion

Historic and Archaeological Resources

It is the policy of the Town of Isle au Haut to protect significant historic and archeological resources within the town

The town shall continue to support the work of the Historical Collections Committee

The Historical Collections Committee shall continue scanning and protecting archival documents and photographs

The Historical Collections Committee shall work to identify key cultural resources, and ensure that this information is available to town and planning board

The planning board will investigate ordinances to protect cultural resources

Water Resources

It is the policy of the Town of Isle au Haut to maintain the quality and quantity of the fresh water resources of Isle au Haut, including the pond, ground water, wetlands, marshes and brooks

The road commissioner and planning board shall use and encourage the use of best management practices in all roadwork and construction

The town shall cooperate with Acadia National Park to continue to monitor the water quality of Long Pond

The planning board and code enforcement officer shall enforce shoreland zoning ordinances

The planning board shall require that all subdivision and site plan review applicants demonstrate that their developments will not have an adverse impact on ground water quality and quantity

The town will properly store and encourage the proper storage of toxins and pollutants

The planning board shall review its Floodplain Management Ordinances and update it as necessary to be consistent with state and federal standards

The planning board will review and consider amending local land use ordinances as applicable to incorporate low impact development standards

The town, through select board or designee, shall make information about arsenic and water testing available to community members

The town, through the select board or designee, shall investigate participation in the National Flood Insurance Program

Critical Natural Resources and Habitat

It shall be the policy of the Town of Isle au Haut to protect critical habitats of rare plants and animals

Town of Isle au Haut shall not publicize the locations of rare plant and animal communities
 The town of Isle au Haut shall cooperate with State and Federal agencies, National Park Service and other organizations to monitor critical natural resources
 The planning board shall ensure that shoreland zoning ordinances meet the state minimum standards, enforce resource protection and shoreland zoning ordinances and ensure that any new development will not harm Isle au Haut's critical natural resources
 The planning board shall investigate modifying zoning ordinances to require subdivision or non-residential property developers to look for and identify any critical natural resources that may be affected and take necessary measures to protect those resources
 The town of Isle au Haut shall adopt natural resource protection practices and standards for construction and maintenance of public roads and properties and require their implementation by the community's officials, employees, and contractors
 The town shall continue efforts to protect the natural environment of the town including encouraging recycling, energy efficiency, best management practices and green building

The town hasn't published this information

No action required

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Marine Resources

It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to support and encourage all appropriate marine based enterprises, including fishing and aquaculture
 It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain and improve the water quality of the surrounding waters
 It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to provide safe and efficient public access to marine waters and actively preserve current working waterfront properties

The town, through the planning board, selectmen and interested parties, shall develop a shoreline access plan to maintain public access to the shoreline
 The town, through selectmen and interested parties, shall work with other organizations to ensure that the interests of Isle au Haut fishermen are represented
 The town, through selectmen or designate shall investigate the development and implementation of a shellfish/worm ordinance
 The planning board and code enforcement officer shall enforce all shoreland zoning ordinances and other ordinances designed to protect marine water quality

Land Use

It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to direct the planning board to reexamine current zoning ordinances and recommend changes appropriate to the current situation and responsive to the concerns of island residents and landowners

It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain and adopt land use strategies that will maintain the unique character of the Island while encouraging a sustainable year round community

It shall be the policy of the Town of Isle au Haut to coordinate the community's land use strategies with other local and regional land use planning efforts by working with surrounding communities

It shall be the policy of the Town of Isle au Haut to encourage affordable housing while protecting the natural character of the island

It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to support the level of financial commitment necessary to provide needed infrastructure in growth areas

It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to maintain efficient, consistent and transparent permitting procedures, especially in growth areas.

It shall be the Policy of the Town of Isle au Haut to protect critical resource areas from the impacts of development

The Planning Board shall consider implementing a height restriction ordinance

Small scale home based business and occupations shall continue to be permitted, in accordance with current zoning

Heavy industry shall continue to be restricted on Isle au Haut, in accordance with current zoning

Marine based land uses shall be supported, in accordance with current zoning

The Town of Isle au Haut shall designate the accessible interior, areas near traditional settlements, Coombs Mountain and the overlay affordable housing zone as growth areas

At least 75 percent of new growth-related capital investment shall be made in the designated growth area

The Planning Board shall investigate and draft an ordinance permitting accessory apartments or duplexes in appropriate areas.

The Planning Board shall update the minimum lot size in the accessible shoreland to be consistent with State shoreland zoning minimums. It is recommended it should increase from one-quarter of an acre to one acre

The Planning Board and Town of Isle au Haut create an affordable housing overlay zone including appropriate town and ICDC owned lands with a minimum lot size of one acre to promote affordable housing

The Planning Board shall maintain fair and efficient permitting procedures and appropriate fees, and streamline permitting procedures in growth areas
 The chair of the Planning Board and First Selectmen shall periodically meet with neighboring communities and consult with The Hancock Planning Commission and the Maine State Planning Office to coordinate land use designations and regulatory and non-regulatory strategies
 Isle au Haut's Planning Board shall provide the code enforcement officer with the tools, training, and support necessary to enforce land use regulations, and ensure that the Code Enforcement Officer is certified in accordance with 30-A MRSA §4451
 Isle au Haut's Planning Board shall track new development in the community by type and location
 Isle au Haut's Planning Board shall evaluate this plan every five years

Fiscal Capacity

It shall be the policy of the town of Isle au Haut to encourage long range fiscal planning to avoid or minimize excessive increases to property taxes while maintaining quality public services

No evidence of long range fiscal planning
 New town web site is now being used for selectman meeting minutes. Tax collector appears to be working well. Work to do w/treasurer and town clerk.

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The selectmen, treasurer, tax collector, and town clerk shall maintain transparent accurate financial records
 The selectmen shall develop a long-term (10 year) planning strategy
 The town of Isle au Haut shall investigate grants, and other funding strategies for capital investments

No evidence of long-term planning strategy

Confirm w/elected officials

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Regional Coordination Program