

Comprehensive Plan Review and Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2016, 5 PM

Attendees: Meghan Cooper, Kristin Dillon, Gerry Wurzburg, Rudi Graf, Tucker Runge, Kendra Chubbuck

Remote attendees: Bob Gerber, Harold van Doren, Nancy Calvert, Bill Calvert

Meghan opened the meeting at 5:07 PM.

Focusing exercise: Why did you join the Comprehensive Plan Review and Implementation Committee? Why are you here now?

- Asked to join
- Little was accomplished from the last plan—need a committee to implement those recommendations
- Represent ICDC
- Island at a precarious point
- Need to apply energy and leadership to critical issues
- Working with park history (and Meghan asked)
- To see what's happening
- Update ordinances—planning board and comprehensive plan are supposed to be in concert
- Maps need updating/GIS expertise
- Concerns about island in trouble—desperately need to keep town going (#1 priority)
- Started visiting—had lots to say and joined
- Interest in telemedicine and school
- To be part of a passionate board
- Worked on original comp plan—wanted to make sure it didn't collect dust
- Passionate about economic development
- Comp plan needs to be updated
- Part of the job

I. Working agreements

The committee held a discussion about working agreements. Included in the conversation were suggestions that a list be made of people's abilities in the community and resources we can tap outside the community.

Our list of working agreements:

- Be open and listen to all ideas
- Share the air
- Run meetings efficiently, end on time, and stay on topic

- Think creatively
- Collaborate with, support, and respect each other
- Follow through on commitments
- It's okay to say no
- 24-hour rule (if there is a disagreement, all parties involved have 24 hours to hash it out or let it go)
- Maintain transparency
- Keep the big picture in mind
- Tap into our "other lives" and contacts
- Make sure we have clear authority to work to implement the plan

Things we need going forward:

- List of experts in the community in various fields with various skills
- List of resources to call upon from outside the community

II. Review agenda: additions/changes?

The committee reviewed the agenda. Economic development and housing were added to the list of projects for which we have updates.

III. Approve minutes from December, review discussion notes from January

Gerry moved to approve the December minutes as written. Seconded by Kendra. Approved unanimously (one abstention).

IV. Committee leadership

The committee broke down the role of chair into the responsibilities that were shouldered by Paul:

- Communication with selectboard
- Point person for media
- Communication with community
- Set agendas
- Organize meetings
- Facilitate meetings
- Draft memos/tables/updates
- Keep committee members accountable

Bob offered to take on some of the organizational/administrative responsibilities, such as convening and running meetings and managing communication from the committee. He does not have the time to drive the multiple projects and keep others accountable. Therefore, the committee has decided for the moment to emphasize the role of "point people" on the projects and encourage the leaders of the projects to step up, take initiative, and drive those projects with the support of the committee.

V. Updates on ongoing projects

a. Housing (Gerry)

ICDC sold the house to Nate and Rachael. People are applying to the other housing. There will be an ICDC board meeting next month. ICDC is still trying to recruit new families.

b. Economic Development (Rudi)

Aquaculture is a great possibility for new business activity on IAH. The Fishermen's Forum is next weekend. We do not know if anyone from IAH (other than Rudi) is planning to attend. Rudi is hoping to bring aquaculture experts to the island in the next couple of months. He is contacting locals (Tucker and Nate have expressed interest) to attend the info session. Some possibilities are mussel culturing and clam flat restoration.

c. Zoning/Land Use (Bob)

The zoning changes have been broken up into multiple warrant articles, which have been presented to the selectmen. This will probably be on the warrant for the 2016 town meeting. Bob and the Planning Board will be working on the floodplain management ordinance and the shoreland zoning ordinance this summer.

d. Telemedicine (Nancy)

Nancy talked to John DeWitt about telemedicine progress. The selectmen are talking to the Power Company about the spaces and land that will be changing hands. Landon is handling the interaction with the town's attorneys and setting up the contract. We should clarify what the selectmen agreed to with the Power Company.

e. School (Kendra)

There was a school board meeting this morning with many community members in attendance. Those interested in being part of the search committee for the new teacher should contact Sue MacDonald. Bob Webster, the interim superintendent, was at the meeting this morning.

f. Fire Department

What can the town get by with as a minimum for the fire department? How is the department/chief held accountable?

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22, at 5 PM.

Meeting adjourned 6:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Cooper