

**Isle au Haut 2025 Comprehensive Plan  
Committee Meeting  
Tue Feb 25th, 2025**

**Key Dates:** Next Meeting: Tue Mar 25th, 2025

**Committee Attendance:**

| First Name | Last Name | Present | Absent |
|------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Mike       | Delchamp  | x       |        |
| Mike       | Fedosh    | x       |        |
| Kyle       | Devereux  | x       |        |
| Kathie     | Fiveash   | x       |        |
| Sue        | Foelix    | x       |        |
| Mat        | Hastings  |         | x      |
| Christine  | Hill      | x       |        |
| Bob        | Olney     | x       |        |
| Tucker     | Runge     | x       |        |
| Derrick    | Sibbald   | x       |        |

**HPCP Attendees:** Averi Varney and Alice Cockerham

**Agenda/Minutes::**

6:00 - 6:05 Minutes from Tue Jan 28th, 2025 meeting approved.

*Dave highlighted the continued need to have volunteers to partner on specific chapters. Derek teamed up with Kathie for the population chapter.*

**6:05 - 6:15 Survey Update**

*Averi updated the team on progress with the community survey. Responses are off to a strong start compared to other communities. It will be important to gather as much input as possible from the year-round community in addition to the seasonal population.*

- Survey to remain open until Memorial Day Timeframe.
- To date ~60 responses including ~15 year-round.
- HCPC will summarize survey results for key points.

6:15 - 7:20

[Economy Chapter](#)

*Conversation started by clarifying that a town has a “supporting role” for the economy. From a long range planning perspective, this topic raised discussion in several overlapping categories, for example: demand for full-time and seasonal worker housing; challenges with short-term v. long-term rental properties; the balance of retaining the pristine natural beauty with the need for local jobs that support living on the Island; and the need to maintain access for barges on the mainland for the viability of the town of IaH.*

- Bob shared details about ICDC microloans available for small business.
- The low-use National Park designation and therefore the lack of a seat at the table with other Acadia communities will be referred to the selectboard for discussion.
- Housing will be discussed in a separate chapter which will be next month’s topic.
- Balance/handling of short-term rentals versus housing to be addressed.
- Community Hub is in the concept stage and will be captured as such in the plan.
- Regional coordination, opportunities/challenges w/ Stonington raised.

7:20 - 7:30

[Fiscal Capacity Chapter:](#)

- Averi introduced chapter & importance of it for prioritizing where to invest.

**Action Items:**

| <b>What</b>  | <b>Who</b>                  |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Survey Information Posting on Island   | Averi/Christine             |
| Population Chapter   | Derrick joining Kathie      |
| Summer Visit of HCPC - identify dates  | Averi                       |
| Selectboard to discuss Acadia relationship status & implications for access to park/friends of park resources. | Kyle/Mike F for selectboard |
| Summarize Survey findings to date & provide flyer for town meeting   | Averi & Dave                |
| Short-Term Rental discussion/ordinance to selectboard; Averi has resources from other communities              | Kyle & Mike                 |

**Next Chapter: Housing**

**7:29 Adjourned.** Next meeting Tue Mar 25th, 2025, 6PM-7:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Wallstrom, CP Committee Chair