

Topsham, Maine

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee July 12, 2021 Meeting

Attendees: Susan Rae-Reeves, Joe Feely, Rick Schultz, John Dorrer, Raija Suomela, Angela Twitchell, John Shattuck, Andrew Deci, Rod Melanson, Angus Dillon (Bowdoin College Intern)

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

II. Update from Planning Dept

- Complete Streets - the revised policy is ready, hasn't been submitted for decision
- Rezoning Project - Kirk will be beginning the listening sessions within the next month.
- Angus' presentation on the Topsham Growth Pattern ARCGIS storymap. (link now shared with CPIC members - it's not final yet but near-final). Also short side-conversation about the new census data and demographic trends in our town. Infographic of 'here is Topsham today, different sectors of development..'
- Item from the non-meeting meeting, and the idea that we could start learning sessions/series again on topics related to planning. Library might be open for in-person events again Oct 1st (tentative). BUilding on the "Back to the Future" series that set the stage for the update of the comp plan.

III. Work Plan - Department Contacts

- Committee assignments - All encouraged to schedule initial meetings with departments by October (pushed out 1 month). Consider that budget planning begins ~December.
- Updates - John Shattuck talked about the option for TDI members to participate in CPIC-related work in the TDI Strategic Sub Committee. These meetings provide a good forum for collaboration.

IV. Communications Plan

- Tool for capturing categories of people and methods of outreach - Broad categories of people and potential tools
- Strategies for each
- Timeframes
- ReCode Powerpoint - What is ReCode?
 - Idea- add a few more photos to the beginning / timeline for what Topsham used to look like . Consider the USDA40 Areal photograph collection from 1979/1980/1981 <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/explore/maps/airphotos/>

- How to use it - Present to the Select Board as a committee update? Record a presentation of it (Rod or Andrew) and post online, Plan Your Topsham Facebook page

