



Topsham, Maine

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Meeting

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September 9, 2024

Present: Susan Rae-Reeves, Chair, Margaret Williams, Pete Bono, Rich Schultz, Vice Chair, Andrew Sturgeon, Pam Belford, Robin Brooks, Skye Siladi, Director of Planning, Larry Brann, Planning Board Liaison

I. Welcome and Agenda Review - no changes

II. Public comment - NA

III. Administrative Items

- Minutes of July 8, 2024 meeting - approved unanimously
- Calendar items
 - CPIC Monthly Workshop - Sept 17, 4-5 pm - Review of questions/ comments

IV. ReCode Matters

- Coffee with ReCode debrief - The turnout overall was small, less than a dozen people, but there were valuable comments and questions conveyed. Two people from the Bath Planning Department came to a session and their planning director, Jen Curtis, is a Topsham resident.. Also the City of Rockland is interested, held a call with Skye..
- Coordinated planning with staff, Planning Board and consultants going forward. Workshops will come next. Ch. 175 is first, on Thursday Sept. 12. Ch's 191, 185 will be next. The Planning Department is waiting on comments from the town attorney.
- ReCode timeline: Next will be Chp. 225 which will be re-presented to the Planning Board highlighting about six substantive issues by the end of October. Next would be Article 2 in Ch. 225, Form Based Code. The ReCode Comments Section is still open on the website and will close when we are ready to hold an open house.
- Online form utilization + update (workshop focus) - Skye has created a spreadsheet to track comments from members of the public. We've gotten 8-10 comments that show where people's concerns are. Ex. affordable housing, walkable streets, as well as focused comments.

V. Liaison updates 5:45-6

- The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is working on Complete Streets policy or ordinance or both and also developing strategies for traffic calming policies and procedures. Maine DoT will be a resource.

- TDI - engaged Wright-Pierce to complete an infrastructure study for both the west and east sides of I-295. Wright-Pierce asked, "How do we anticipate the growth in the ReCode area because of the work being done by CPIC?" They are looking at factors of growth and what might be there in the next few decades. They hope to have a draft completed by late December.
- Community Center Committee - They reported to the Select Board on the needs analysis. The committee is moving into Year 2 to identify a site and come up with a preliminary design.

Adjourned at 5:09 PM