

York, Maine
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Monday, February 28, 2022; 5:00 P.M.
Zoom

Steering Committee Chair Kathleen Kluger called this supplemental workshop to order at 5:00 P.M. Kathleen Kluger, Vice Chair Ian Shaw, Nan Graves, Jud Knox, Mike Sinclair, Dave Herbein, Stephanie Kemp Byrne, Dave Webber, Troy Williams, Roan Spencer, and Dave McCarthy were present. Susan Silberberg and Annie Streetman were present from CivicMoxie. Planning Director Dylan Smith and Land Use Planner DeCarlo Brown represented Town Hall staff. Patience Horton took Minutes.

Wayne Boardman and Dave McCarthy will be working on Climate together.

Volunteer trackers are needed for Chapter reviews.

5:00-6:45 Goals 11, & 12 Continued Susan Silberberg
Climate Continued

Annie Streetman: Create an ad hoc Marine Resources committee.

- Identify scenic points and routes.
- Study the Town's potential acquisition of available river-front property.
- Conduct a legal review of deed restrictions at Grant House for paddle craft launching and docking.
- Create dock regulations everywhere on the river.
- Select the ad hoc Marine Resources committee by lottery. Select two representatives at random from the Selectboard, Planning Board, and Harbor Board. Select three each from special-interest groups and the citizens at large through lottery.
- Establish a Communications Director for the Town.
- Explore strategies to manage access and capacity of Strawberry Island
- Give preference for parking and waterfront access to commercial businesses--lobstering, tuna fishing, and shrimp aquaculture.
- Sections of Harris Island can be expanded for parking.
- Establish pay-to-launch fees, but make launching free to York Residents.
- End collection of trap taxes for commercial fisherman
- Explore feasibility of aquaculture.
- Make a definition for aquaculture.
- The State has approved Aquaculture locations east of Route 1, but not offshore.
- Aquaculture cannot go in mooring fields.
- Homeowners do not want to look at aquaculture.
- Identify critical habitats including clam flats and Wiggly Bridge areas.
- Maintain a network of trails that restrict use of critical habitats.
- No sunbathing/pets in critical habitats. Pet waste closes clam flats for 24 months.

- Improve water quality at Lake Carolyn and Cape Neddick River. Geese are such a problem!
- The Harbor Board is embedded in the Police Department.
- The last dredge cost \$2.9 million. It will last hopefully eight years. Sedimentation is the largest deterrent. Strategies come in.
- Nan Graves: the Budget Committee makes sure the funds are there for the Harbor Board. Comparatively few people use the harbor, but the townspeople have to support it. People who use the harbor should pay for it.

Preservation and Conservation

- Foster a working relationship between the Town and the Land Trust.
- The State sets the minimum standards for easement access. When State law changes, we adjust our ordinances.
- What is the specific area of the Cliff Walk?
- Maintain continued access to the Cliff Walk.
- The Land Trust makes ATV trails that keep people off pristine land.
- There is a trail for ATVs on Mt A. Prohibiting further ATV trails is against State law.
- Create better opportunities for ATVs. Water District and CMP can provide limited access.

Education

- Publicize and coordinate maps directing people toward authorized places.
- Make a handout including carry-in/carry-out policy, recycling, EV charging stations.
- Make maps for walking and biking.

Climate

- Consider requiring new housing construction that is sustainable.
- Encourage conservation of private land, including carbon-storage potential.
- Create a tree planting program for increased canopy and reduction of heat islands.
- Good terminology: “emerging technologies”
- Track the installation of EV public-accessible charging infrastructure.
- Make information about EV public access easy to find on the website, Chamber, and in travel information sent out to visitors.
- Make signage about EV charging in strategic places.

6:50-7:00 Public Comment / Correspondence

There was neither.

7:00 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Patience G. Horton

Next meeting: Monday, March 7, 5:00 P.M.

Zoom

If we become a town that has 60,000 committees to do something, none of them will be effective.
Kathleen Kluger