

Growth Planning Committee  
Minutes 1/19/21

Attendees: Dan Saunders, Chair, Jim Fitzgersld, Paul Hogan, Werner Gilliam, Director, Planning and Development, Jim McMann, Janet Powell  
Absent: Mike Corsie  
Guests: Liz Durfee, Tom Morgan

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM by Dan Saunders, Chair.

Liz Durfee presented the outline of the first draft of the CP's Chapter on Transportation.

The Transportation Inventory of Kennebunkport includes:

**1.Transportation Infrastructure**

84 mi. of roadway, including 55 mi of town roads  
2 private airports, approximately 150-175 parking spaces in lots (an updated number will be provided after subtracting those spaces owned by Pier 77 in Cape Porpoise  
6 bridges and 3 culverts on public roads  
1.4 miles of railway at the museum and 3 mi of abandoned rail  
There are no scenic roads, rest areas, water taxis or ferries in town.

**2.Bridges and Culverts**

Liz mentioned that all but two of the **bridges** received Maine DOT ratings ranging from Satisfactory to Very Good. The two showing minor section loss are the Batson River Bridge (1963) at Mills Rd and Goff Mill Brook (1952) on River Rd.

**3.Roads**

Jim McMann suggested the CP mention the substantial concern for the safety of motorists driving along Log Cabin Rd. in Arundel, a heavily traveled local route leading from KPT to Route 1 (noting the repair/renovation that left deep ditches running along the shoulder)

**4.Parking**

Public lots in town are North Street (105 spaces), Dock Square, behind Alisson's (80), Colony Beach (25) and Cape Porpoise Pier (60). The number of spaces available to the public at the Pier will be reduced by those spots designated for Fisherman and those in the Pier 77 private lot.

**5.Bike Routes**

There are no officially designated paths for bicycles. Werner will consult with Mike Claus to confirm the extent of upcoming and completed widening of roads and paving of shoulders to encourage safer cycling in town. Paul mentioned that bike shops do have maps that highlight the best and safest bike trails. An appropriate question for outreach would be "Where do you currently walk or bike?" "Where would you like to see additional access for bike paths?" Where can current paths be improved and made safer?"

All agreed upon the advantages of identifying and pursuing ways to connect current recreational green spaces, like the KCT's conservation lands.

**6.Transit and Rideshare**

Park and Ride stops are located at the Wells Transportation Center and in Biddeford, adjacent to the Turnpike entrance. However, only 16% of the public transportation needs in York County are being met at this time. The State goal is 20%.

**7.State Assistance**

While there are no specific projects planned in town by the State DOT, KPT received \$43,376 in Local Road Assistance Payments in the FY20.

### **8.Connectivity and Accessibility**

Liz will continue to research and refine data on public water access. While some of the 28 sites provide reasonable access for boats and small craft, parking at some is extremely limited or not available.

Public outreach was recommended to determine what areas the public sees as providing increased connectivity to public properties, especially to green spaces.

Werner added that the town has and continues to encourage policy that works in that same direction.

### **9. Local Road Design Standards**

The LUO contains standards for road construction, filling and grading.

### **10. Subdivision Regulation**

Standards for roadways, sidewalk and other design elements are located in Table 11-12.

### **11. Conflicts and Concerns**

There was no extended discussion of traffic patterns, bottlenecks or crash data.

### **12. Climate Impacts**

Sea level rise induced groundwater rise and its effects will be discussed in detail at Jane Knott's presentation this spring. Areas already affected include Ocean Avenue, Dyke Road, King's Highway and the Causeway. Some work has already been completed to that end, including roadways at GRB and the new seawall on Ocean Ave. by the River Club.

### **13. Chapter 208 State Requirements**

State Goal: to plan for, develop and finance an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.

Werner will be sending everyone an email containing a draft of the Growth Area Modification Map Policy to discuss at the next meeting (add to Agenda)along with **Chapter 13 Public Services**.

Next remote meeting scheduled for February 2, 2021. With no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.