

Growth Planning Committee
Minutes
October 6, 2021

Attendees: Dan Saunders, Chair, Jim Fitzgerald, Vice-Chair, Paul Hogan, Werner Gilliam,
Director of Growth and Development, Janet Powell, Jim McMann, Liz Johnson
Guests: Liz Durfee, Tom Morgan, Planning Consultants

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He introduced and welcomed a new member, Liz Johnson, to the GPC.

Liz Durfee opened the discussion by asking if any member wished to comment on items to add to the CP or suggest ways to improve it. The Village Parcel was immediately mentioned as an important topic that we have not yet discussed in detail. Some key points included:

- Tom is waiting for an updated design plan.
- Future development will be dependent on the cost of creating infrastructure.
- Werner added that a design for sewer and water is currently underway and its completion is essential to have the necessary tools to move forward without incurring costs to the town.
- The Village Parcel Committee's final report provided several options for its use and can be found on the Town's website.
- The Kennebunkport Climate Initiative has shown interest in purchasing a parcel inside the Free Enterprise Zone to build their headquarters. Infrastructure costs recently estimated are considerably higher than those proposed during the visioning session. Paul mentioned that he didn't recall office space included in the VP Master Plan.
- Discussion of including the Village Parcel in the Comprehensive Plan followed. Dan mentioned that any language regarding the VP must remain consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Tom stated that the VP will be included in the Future Land Use section and that the residents should be directing its ultimate use..

The discussion then moved to the Vision Statement. The following topics were reviewed

- Broadband/ According to ConnectME, all but several small areas in town have full access. It was agreed that competition would help lower the market price and access. We agreed on including supportive language stating the town desires improved technology in order to provide the best possible service for the town.
- Schools/include language that describes a variety of educational programs that are currently available to residents of all ages, especially beyond those provided at Consolidated School
- Public Waterfront/include language showing desire to have year-round beach and boat access for all
- DarkSkies/Lighting Committee is working on a rewrite of the town's policy. It was suggested that the residents be informed of the Town Lighting Ordinance that already exists.

With no further business to discuss, Jim F. motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Paul seconded.

Dan officially adjourned the meeting at 8:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Powell