

Growth Planning Committee
Minutes
12/7/21

Attendees: Dan Saunders, Chair, Jim Fitzgerald, Vice-Chair, Paul Hogan, Werner Gilliam, Director of Growth and Planning, Jim McMann, Janet Powell, Secretary

Guests: Liz Durfee, Tom Morgan, Planning Consultants
Eli Rubin, Community Planner, KPT

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. He then turned the meeting over to Liz and Tom.

The following topics were reviewed.

Demographics

Liz initiated a response to a question regarding which data sources were used to obtain the current population figures in KPT. She stated that her best recent numbers have come from the Community Survey and Census Data. Future Land Use includes updated numbers while Current Land Use will require updating. The Housing and Demographic Chapters use five year estimates and trends which have not changed. Projections for school age population come from the State and RSU#21.

Housing

In response to a recent question regarding the Short Term Rental Ordinance, Werner reported that the vote tally was 627 in favor/ 565 opposed.

Agriculture

Tom mentioned the importance of supportive language regarding Agriculture. Janet has emailed and awaits a reply from Sharon Cummins at the K'port Historical Society for relevant information on area farms, past and present.

Marine Resources

In gathering the best information available regarding threats to water quality, a summary of the findings of the GRB water quality study will be added to this chapter.

Transportation

Specific numbers for revenue generated by GRB parking fees are needed.

Economy

More detailed information is needed regarding the number of employees at Kennebunkport Resort Collection. All agree that food trucks in town would be very popular and provide an important service to seasonal and year-round residents.

Another topic of long-standing debate is the installation of Rest Rooms at GRB. Where, what type and their funding were part of the conversation.

It was agreed to keep the language in the CP for possible future action by the town.

Recreation

Additional info to be added to the CP is a tenth point of access to GRB at the west end.

There are pickleball courts at Rotary Park at Beachwood. (as named on Recreation Department website)

Vision Statement

Language to be added, diversity and economic opportunity.

Regarding efficiency in new construction, Werner added that the state wants to maintain consistent building codes and the MUBEC (Maine Uniform Building and Energy Codes) are applicable to all towns in Maine. They are regularly updated and Werner confirmed that the homes being built in town today meet or exceed efficiency standards.

Environmental Protection

Findings of GRB water quality study to be included.

Tom and Liz will be presenting an overview of the CP progress to the BOS on Thursday, Dec. 9. They will report back at our next meeting

Moving forward, Werner suggested that we forward **strategies** as they are completed to staff/responsible parties for review and comment.

Next meeting is **Tuesday,12/21/21**.

April Fortier forwarded two attachments on 12/15, the Agenda and a document entitled Town Goals, Policies, Strategies. A working timeline is included, as well.

Homework: review and note questions or comments on these policies and strategies.

Having completed the business on the Agenda, Dan adjourned the meeting at 7:40p.m.