Growth Planning Committee Minutes 3/1/2022

Attendees: Dan Saunders, Chair, Janet Powell, Secretary, Paul Hogan, Janes McMann,

Liz Johnson, Werner Gilliam, Director of Planning and Development, Eli Rubin,

Community Planner

Absentees: Jim Fitzgerald, Vice-Chair

Guests: Liz Durfee, Tom Morgan, Planning Consultants

Liz and Tom presented the Draft Summary of Volume 1 of the Comprehensive Plan,

About the Plan

Contents

<u>Volume 1</u> is a short, user-friendly yet high level summary of the Comprehensive Plan. It is explored through the lens of these 5 themes that summarize the character of Kennebunkport and the goals of the Plan.

- 1. Welcoming
- 2. Responsible Steward
- 3. Resilient
- 4. Connected
- 5. Collaborative

<u>Volume 2</u>, which contains an introduction, vision chapter, 16 planning topic chapters, goals, policies, strategies and implementation table will be presented for discussion and review upon its completion.

Volume 1, continued...

Vision Statement

Process/including timeline of Public Outreach, both online surveys and public workshops.

To be added Public Meeting

June 9, 2022/ Public Meeting for review

August 11, 2022/ finalize Ballot language

November 8, 2022/ Town Vote to approve

<u>Public Input</u> describes the multiple meetings, surveys, presentations and workshops offered to the public to educate and elicit input from residents.

<u>Plan Summary/</u> through the lens of the 5 themes previously mentioned, the Comprehensive Plan summarizes our strengths and the challenges the community will face over the next ten years.

By the Numbers provides numerical data related to each of the 16 chapters in the plan.

<u>Strategies</u> for facing the challenges ahead are outlined under each of the 5 themes.

After discussing our first viewing of Volume 1, everyone congratulated Liz and Tom for creating such a compelling and visually stunning product.

Nina Perlmutter, a member of the Planning Board and Shade Tree Committee spoke to the committee as a resident. She voiced her concern that the CP create strategies to bring our community together through mindful activities such as a community garden and that the plan addresses in specific detail, strategies that will protect marine and wildlife resources from the ever-increasing damage caused by the overuse of herbicides and pesticides.

Liz then mentioned that refining content and updating data to both Volumes 1 and 2 as well as Appendix C will continue.

We will review Draft #8 of Goals, Policies and Strategies, beginning with page 14, under i.Public Services and ii.Transportation at our next meeting on March 15, at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes of the February 15th meeting were approved, as amended. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.