Comprehensive Plan Update Committee Information

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE - WHY IS IT NEEDED

Required to be reviewed and approved for consistency with the State of Maine Growth Management Law by the State Planning Office and approved at the Annual Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting by December 2012.

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?
Having an approved consistent plan is essential to receiving grants
Provides foundation for legal challenges to ordinances and decision making.
Update/changes to Land Use Ordinance
Practical guide to managing growth and change.
Have community take control of its future. Create VISION.
Update policies & Data
Is the foundation for our land use ordinances

WHAT IS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?
Recommendations: Goals, Policies, and Implementation Strategies
Summary and Analysis of Inventory Findings
Inventory
Public Opinion Survey Results

COMMITTEE BE IN PLACE : JULY 1 – RECOMMEND 12 TO 15 MEMBERS

COMMITTEE SHOULD REFLECT COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION - 18 to 24 months

Key Points in the Planning Process	Timeframe	Meetings
Project Start-up: Preliminary Assessment; Schedule and Work Plan; Tour of Town	June/July 2011	One Committee Meeting
Inventory and Analysis	July – Dec. 2011	Two Committee Meetings
Public Opinion Survey (preparation)	Fall 2011	One Committee Meeting
Public Meeting to present the Results of the Survey and to develop the Vision Statement	January 2012	One Committee Meeting, plus Public Meeting
Recommendations	February – August 2012	Monthly Committee Meetings (8 meetings)
Full Draft of Plan with Introduction and Executive Summary	September 2012	One Committee Meeting
Meeting to Present the Plan to the Board of Selectmen	September 2012	Committee/Selectmen's Meeting
Public Meeting	October 2012	Public Meeting
Submission of Draft Comprehensive Plan to State Planning Office	October 2012	One Committee Meeting
Final Plan Revisions	Oct./ Nov. 2012	One Committee Meeting
Required Public Hearing	November 2012	Public Hearing
Town Vote on Plan	December 2012/January 2013	Town Meeting Vote