

Town of Gouldsboro
Comprehensive Plan Update Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023

Members Present: Deb Bisson-Chair, Paul Stewart, Sandy Gerlock, Barbara Bowen Holly Duesenberry, Mariann Urquhart, Lily Strater (zoom)

Members Absent: Jim Guest-Vice Chair, Colt Neidhardt

Guests: Bill Zoellick

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00pm

Approval of Minutes: **Minutes of December 28 2022**

Motion: to approve as written by: Kim G., seconded by: Marianne U.- approved unanimously

Bills: None

Chair Update:

- Chair reminded members to respect when others are speaking and not interrupt or have side conversations.
- Chair gave update on the unavailability of our secretary moving forward.
- Chair and Vice-Chair are continuing to work on draft chapters utilizing the HCPC original chapters, submitted committee data, 2005 plan and survey results.
- Format has been changed to cleanup the document, including adding goals to each chapter.
- Chair gave an update as to how draft chapters are being reviewed and edited
- Reviewed Chapters have been shared with committee members and can be found in the google drive.
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- **Unfinished Business:** none

Regular Business:

- Committee memberChair suggested committee members review first drafts and should be reviewing and send findings of suggested edits
- Additional Key observations by committee members should include conversations during the public outreach, interviews, or conversations with community members.
- Vice-Chair reminded members when requesting to add information from printed sources, that should be noted.
- Some committee members suggested some survey resulted input into new chapters be re-written to clarify.
- Chair recommended members review the chapters utilizing the checklist, in their

entirety before requesting changes

- **Vision: Statement:** Committee members were given a hand out as to what the state would like to see in a vision statement. Committee members discussed ideas of a town vision/handed in suggested vision statement ideas.
- Top survey questions that showed the most interest by the community based on the survey percentages may appear within some chapters with the entire survey be included in the plan.
- Vice-Chair requested when sending suggested changes to send in paragraph in it's entirety rather than notes that should go into the chapter.
- The recreation chapter has been changed to recreation and health.
- Committee members were reminded that some chapters and information may overlap.
- Holly D: add Seacoast landscaping & Anderson hardware as in town businesses
- Chair will review all suggested vision statement ideas and create a few for members to review. The vision is a summary and not detailed goals. The goals will be in each chapter.

Public Comment: Bill Zoellick; Asked what the committee would do to get the draft chapter work out to the public prior to a town meeting. Community members may not vote for the plan if they have not had a chance to review. Committee members need to remember that their role is not to solve issues but to recommend them for the town to look into. Resiliency is should be a major factor in Gouldsboro.

Other Member Questions/Discussion:

- Suggestion was made to possibly have a workshop immediately following a selectman meeting with the hot topic chapters to peak interest.
- Land Use chapter will reference the planning board's work on the aquaculture licensing ordinance.
- Climate Change: References are made within some chapters.
- Information from the Shoreland Project will be integrated into the comprehensive plan. ie: sea level rise, climate change, erosion , community resilience, etc.
- Some discussion on how the town may find funding for a hydrology report for Gouldsboro. Drilled wells are now required with the state and information is available.
- Brief discussion on radon in Maine.

Agenda Requests: none

Future Meetings: To be held at the Town Office @ 6:00pm
March 23, 2023 April 6, 2023

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43 pm

Submitted: D. Bisson-Chair