

Town of Gouldsboro Meeting Minutes
10-Year Comprehensive Plan
4 p.m., 8 September, Town Office

Present: Barbara Bowen, Sandy Gerlock, Bob Harmon, Deirdre McArdle, Josh McIntyre

The September 3, 2025 minutes were approved and posted.

Deirdre reported on information from Avery at Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC) on how to proceed with work to complete the Gouldsboro 10-Year Comprehensive Plan by December 31, 2025. First, in order to secure more funds to hire HCPC for formatting the report and verifying the inclusion of State required data, HCPC will supplement town funds with available State money. Second, in order to avoid mistakes with data entry and formatting, changes to chapters must be done by HCPC through computer program notes made by the town. Third, there is still some confusion about the color coding used in the draft report.

Deirdre gave a lesson on how to enter the document notes for HCPC. Sandy and Barbara will begin the process. As soon as four of the chapters are processed, they will be given to the Planning Board for their approval.

It was noted that the check list for each chapter must now include section numbers instead of page numbers which are shifting. Also, climate change information will be included in each chapter instead of kept in a separate chapter. And it was decided that updating information in most charts, often ending in 2022, is not necessary, except for the Transportation chapter.

Josh turned in the Economy chapter, Barbara got approval for changes to the Housing chapter, and the History and Population chapters are ready for completion. The Water, Fiscal, Public Facilities, Land Use, Transportation, and Maritime chapters are being reviewed.

Members of the sub-committee are being reconvened on Tuesday, September 9th. They will be tasked with chapter reviews, check lists, map/chart identification, and, eventually an updated Index.

Next meeting is Monday the 15th at 4p.m. in the Town Office.

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