

TOWN OF WELLS, MAINE  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 21, 2016 5:00 P.M.  
Wells Library

Members Present: Town Engineer/Planner Mike Livingston, Code Enforcement Officer Jodine Adams, Selectman Kathy Chase, Conservation Commission representative Rocky Furman, citizen representative Edmond Pare', citizen representative Carol Simpson, Meeting recorder Cinndi Davidson

Excused: Town Manager Jon Carter, Luke Guerrette, Charles Anderson,

1. Review of the January 7, 2016 minutes

Chapter 4, Page 25 Trails: Rocky submitted a paragraph about public access to the Town's hiking trails.

Chapter 4, Page 25 Pedestrian Network: Carol asked for additional data to substantiate the land value of residential lots to tax revenue benefit.

Motion by Kathy, seconded by Carol, to approve the minutes as amended. Passed unanimously.

2. Review and comment on questions to be included in the new Strategic Plan Survey questionnaire.

Rocky drafted a new introductory paragraph for the survey which the Committee edited.

Distribution of the survey was considered: send out with the tax bills in March (this will cover property owners but not renters), an insert in the Sentinel, the electronic backpacks at the schools, hard copies at the Laundromat and Wells and Moody post offices. An ad in the paper and notice on Channel 3 can direct people where they can pick up a hard copy or how to find the survey on-line. Completed surveys can be returned to the Town Manager's office, the Senior Center and the Library. Jodine reviewed the cost figures for several distribution methods: a mass mailing with the tax bills, an ad in the Sentinel and an insert in the Sentinel. In order to reach the non-resident tax payers and business owners, a notice will be inserted in their tax bills directing them to the on-line survey.

The survey will be discussed with the Selectmen at a workshop on March 1. Tax bills will be mailed the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March and taxes are due in April.

The number scale from 0 No Opinion to 5 Strongly Agree was eliminated. People will be asked to check the applicable box for each question.

The survey questions were reviewed and edited.

Page 2, the second and last questions were eliminated.

Page 3, the fourth question was eliminated and the fifth question was divided into two.

Page 4, the second question was divided into two. The first half of the third question and the last question were eliminated.

Page 5, the fifth question was eliminated.

Demographic questions will be included.

3. Next meetings: Thursday, February 4 and Thursday, February 18 at 5 PM at Town Hall.  
Tonight's revisions to the survey will be reviewed on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cinndi Davidson, Meeting Recorder

Accepted by:

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Jon Carter, Town Manager