

July 29, 2018

Charles Millian, Chairman Wells Planning Board

Wells, Maine 04090

Dear Mr. Millian, Chairman Wells Planning Board,

Regarding the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update: comment period.

This document seems not to be a Comprehensive Plan.

Extensive inventories (necessary to these plans of course) abound: histories, data of all kinds, survey results from the town and outside the town, everything to know about Wells from harbor dredging to employment statistics. This is followed by mostly suggested steps to be taken for the future of Wells.

The plan is weak in direction and "directives" which would give shape and force to the stated policies in the plan and to stated concerns of the citizenry despite the fact that the concerns of the citizens through their survey responses are actually included in the body of this plan.

After reading the 2016 plan version, I reread much of the previous 2005 Comprehensive Plan of the town of Wells. The contrast is startling. 2005 is a plan full of specifics and proposals for implementation strategies, it offers thoughts for creating committees by the Select Board for continued progress on local concerns. Several Wells citizens formed the committee that produced that 2005 plan that is clearly laid out in good detail and arguably gives the impression of having been written by and for the people of Wells.

In my opinion the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update should not be offered to the voters.

Respectfully,

Jean Sotiropoulos, Wells