

**CITY OF BREWER
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

Vice Chairman McIntosh called the meeting to order at the Brewer City Hall Council Chambers at 8:05 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

Kevin Birch	Absent	
Allen Campbell	Absent	
Jim Donnelly	Absent	
Michael Fitzpatrick	Absent	
Nicole Gogan	Present	
David Hanna	Present	
Frank Higgins	Present	
Linda Johns	Present	
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Present	
Richard Manzo	Present	
Janet McIntosh	Present	
Daniel O'Connell	Present	
Bev Uhlenhake	Present	arrived at 8:18 a.m.
Andrew Varisco	Present	
Consultant Rich Rothe	Present	

Richard Manzo was formally appointed to the Comprehensive Plan Committee by the City Council during their August meeting.

Minutes of the July 22, 2013 Committee meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Brewer Days Report. The Comprehensive Plan Committee had a table at Brewer Days on Friday and Saturday, September 6th & 7th. The table included a couple of maps, a copy of the 1995 Comprehensive Plan, and baskets for people to write comments on index cards. Bev, Janet, Dan, and David took turns at the table to inform the public and answer questions. The following was discussed:

- Not many people made comments on the note cards.
- A few people suggested a nice hotel be located on the waterfront.
- One person said this (and the current High School Renovations) were a waste of money.
- There were conversations pertaining to the waterfront and the schools.
- There were conversations on the public bus routes in relation to land use. High density residential areas may benefit from access to the bus.
- Many people saw the booth but did not make specific comments.
- People were told of the City website which has a page containing Comp Plan information, including minutes and draft documents.

- Perhaps a survey can be added to the website.
- It was good to have a presence at Brewer Days.
- At future public venues, we should explain that the Comprehensive Plan update is required by law, and that the effort involves a lot of work by volunteers.

Transportation Goals, Policies, Strategies. Rich prepared a draft new document based on comments from the last meeting. The first policy and its strategies were added as they are part of the state minimum requirements. The Committee discussed the following:

- Bikeways, Pedestrian Walkways - Add a strategy to maintain and improve existing sidewalks.
- Amend title of Bikeways, Pedestrian Walkways to include sidewalks and bike lanes.
- Reference the trails in the recreation section and vice versa.
- Policy 2 under Bikeways, Pedestrian Walkways – change “pedestrian walkways” to “trails” for better understanding.
- Sidewalks are currently required for all new roads being constructed. This requirement should remain.
- Traffic Strategy 2D – There is a need for an I-395 ramp at Green Point Road. This access would greatly benefit the City business park off Elm Street.
- The City needs to continue to address ADA compliance on sidewalks with non-compliance issues improved.
- Traffic Strategy 2F – The weight limit is also on I-395. Continue to advocate that the temporary weight limit become permanent. Much safer to have the truck on the interstate system than the secondary roads. The interstate roads were designed and constructed to handle the large, heavy trucks and makes for better business efficiency.
- Make Traffic Strategy 2F into two. One should be on the weight limits and the other on truck traffic in Brewer.
- Public Transportation – expand on bus stops. Study to show potential locations of bus stops and potential bus stop enclosures.

[Note: J. McIntosh left at 89:50]

Water Resources Inventory. Rich noted this is part of the natural resources section. The draft includes some information from the 1995 Comp Plan with updates. We are working on preparing new maps to include in the final document. The Committee discussed the following:

- Water quality, 3rd paragraph – Include a reference to the Hatcase Pond water supply and the sanitary sewer inventories.
- Water quality, 2nd paragraph – may be too technical. Either simplify or put technical info in a separate box so that people can skip over.
- Water quality, 1st paragraph – add definition of Class “B” water.
- Should include that Brewer currently does not have any impaired streams.
- FEMA flood plain maps are not current. FEMA and Penobscot County may be in the process of updating the maps.

- The Penobscot River Restoration Project – add name of their weblink; spell out “PPL Corporation” if appropriate. Linda noted that PPL stands for Pennsylvania Power & Light.
- Groundwater Resources does not include mention of radon. Can add if appropriate.
- Analysis question 4 – Consideration for purchase of a tailgate mulcher can be added to the Public Works goals/policies/strategies.

Water Resources Goals, Policies, Strategies. The Committee discussed the goals/policies/strategies from the 1995 Comp Plan and made the following comments:

- The items pertaining to stormwater and non-point source pollution have been previously discussed and are in the stormwater section.
- The City water supply has previously been discussed and is in a separate section.
- Floodplains – Continue to administer and enforce City’s flood plain management standards. Maintain ordinances. Responsibility is Code Officer and PB.
- Groundwater – Continue to require data to be submitted by developers for review.
- Groundwater Pollution – Change “point” to “paint”. Continue program rather than institute. Add an item for education on lawn chemicals and cleaning up after pets. Continue public education. Responsibility is the Brewer Environmental Services Dept and the Public Works Dept.
- All Resources – Need to amend wording.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 23rd.

Rich and Linda will prepare updated copies of the revised documents as discussed at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.