

Pownal Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
6:30pm @ ZOOM

Present: Kathy Hogue, Russ Schmidt, Susan Peters, Christine Watson, Joan Mueller, Jon Morris, Heidi Curry, Coren Wheeler (All via Zoom). Absent: Adam Haynes Excused: None.

1. Changes were made to the draft minutes of January 13, 2021 and then approved unanimously. The minutes of December 8, 2020 were approved as written.
2. Heidi and Kathy gave a recap of the Select Board's review of the plan, which was discussed at last night's Select Board meeting. The Select Board is extremely pleased with what has been accomplished so far and feels we are 90% "there". They would like us to include broad goals and strategies. They agreed with the plan to have the complete survey results plus comments available on the website. There was discussion of the Board's request to include mention of TIF, even though TIFs were not included as a survey question. (editor's note: There was one mention of TIF in the survey comments). It was decided that an exploration of TIFs could be mentioned as a funding tool to offset tax increases. Russ asked about the collection of impact fees in situations where the Comprehensive Plan has not been approved by the State. Heidi said she is seeking clarity on that and hopes to have more information soon.
3. Input from Will Johnston: Marcia had not sent the Plan to Will, since we wanted to get input from the Select Board first. She will send it out after tonight's meeting.
4. Public Hearing(s): The first public meeting will be held during the first week of March. We need to get it to the Select Board as early as possible before the public meeting, but they understand our time crunch and will work with us to get it reviewed before the first draft is published. The draft Plan will be available on the Town website, with hard copies available upon request. The final draft needs to be completed by the end of March.
5. Several sections were reviewed including History, Vision, Open Space (except survey results). Russ gave a sneak peak of Future Land Use. We will continue and hopefully finish editing content this Sunday.
6. Meeting schedule for January / February

Sunday, January 17 9am - 12
Sunday, January 24 9am - 12
Tuesday, January 26 6:30 - 8pm
Tuesday, February 9 6:30 - 8pm
Tuesday, February 23 6:30 - 8pm

Respectively submitted,

Marcia Bowen

Committee Members:

*Marcia Bowen, Adam Haynes, Kathy Hogue (Chair), Jon Morris (Selectman),
Joan Mueller, Susan Peters, Russ Schmidt, Christine Watson, Coren Wheeler*