

Pownal Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
6:30pm at Mallett Hall

FINAL

Present: Christine Watson, Marcia Bowen, Kathy Hogue, Coren Wheeler, Jon Morris. Excused: Susan Peters. Absent: Adam Haynes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:38. The minutes of June 22, 2021 were unanimously approved.
2. North Star's Population Projections were reviewed. Marcia discussed that the growth numbers were surprising, especially when you consider the number of houses (based on 2.8 per household, which Jon says will be low as elderly folks move out and younger families move in) and number of likely students. Jon said that the new information validates everything we've been doing. Marcia thought that it added urgency to the need for planning. Marcia will fold in the new population estimates and verbiage in the population section, add to the housing and land use sections, and Executive Summary. The strategy below will be added. Marcia will send out the revisions and will not remove anything pending review at the next meeting. Kathy will ask if we can be provided a projector or alternatively Marcia will bring a second screen. If we decide, Susan or the editor can participate remotely with the rest of the Committee meeting in person.

Strategy for housing: building permit moratoria or growth regulation systems while planning for future growth.

3. Kathy will send a note to North Star thanking them for their draft maps but indicating that to conserve funds we will be using the existing Beginning with Habitat maps. Marcia will include references to the website as well as indicating the full size maps are available for viewing at Town Hall.
4. Jon said that we will need to have two public hearings, likely to be held at the school since there will probably be a lot of people. Kathy will contact the Select Board asking for dates for two public hearings. Kathy will get 25 copies of the draft plan at Yarmouth Printing plus it will be posted on the website. We are estimating 100 final copies.

The next meeting will be held on August 24 at Town Hall. Marcia and Susan will send out the entire document by August 17, with the objective of a final review that night. Marcia will send out the smaller versions of the changes made based on North Star projections (Population, Housing, Land Use, Exec. Summary). The public hearings need a ten working days (essentially two weeks) notice in the Forecaster.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Bowen

*Committee Members: Marcia Bowen, Adam Haynes, Kathy Hogue,
Joan Mueller, Susan Peter, Christine Watson, Coren Wheeler*