

**Planning Board Meeting  
Saturday, August 1, 2009  
Frye Island Community Center**

**Present:** Steve Kaplan, chairman, Bob Sutherland, Pete Salinger, Ron Cedrone, Sam Donio, Ed Johnson, Dave Treacy

**Attendees:** Nanci Salinger 217, Wayne Fournier 1113, Island Manager, Marge Hommel 68

The chairman brought the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Agenda**

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Sam Donio moved to accept the 7/18/09 minutes; seconded by Bob Sutherland with all in favor.

**Comprehensive Plan**

Sam Donio created an extensive Comp Plan spread sheet to track the various elements and who will be responsible for each assignment, including goals and objectives and what needs to be done to implement the plan. Sam suggested walking through the manual section by section to make sure each function is assigned.

Steve asked Wayne to arrange a meeting between the BOS/ Executive Committee to discuss the Comp Plan and get their view of the forward plans for the island. Wayne stated the Executive Committee prefers to wait until after the combined meeting on transportation on August 7, 2009 but did suggest doing it in August.

Wayne stated the Transportation Committee had put together a report on line that discusses much of what is being discussed today and the Board could get quite a bit of information from reading the report.

Ron Cedrone suggested that since the Planning Board already had a meeting scheduled for August 15, 2009 they could have a quick meeting followed by the BOS/ Executive Committee. Steve suggested connecting with the BOS and suggesting 9:00 am for the combined meeting.

Steve asked Wayne for recommendations of people who could be helpful in putting together the Executive Summary. Wayne suggested Joe Potts for the financial

component. Other names suggested were Jim Kuiken Bruce Nisula, Bob Minor, Steve Kaplan and Sam Donio.

Wayne stated that before a financial plan is developed they need to get the total picture. Wayne stated this past week he and the transportation committee had met with Hannah Pingree, Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives and Jackie Potter, Senior Policy Advisor to Congresswoman Chellie Pingree to discuss a possible financial grant for the ferry. They stated our chances were slim because we are a seasonal community of second homes and it is difficult to prove a hardship. They did understand the Town's situation with the school taxes and stated that in November there would be a referendum to do away with the regional school system.

Wayne also said that when we look at the fiscal capacity, it appears it will be just all of us providing the finances. The biggest issue is that we have no control over the schools which takes about 70% of our budget.

Sam stated they need to look at existing conditions and factor in Town growth in setting goals for the various components of the Comp Plan. Ed felt that they would need someone to put it all together after everyone gets all the information. Wayne suggested contacting the Greater Portland Council of Government. He told Steve that he would supply the name of the person for Steve to contact.

Marge stated that the biggest challenge is in the specifics needed to set goals, objectives and implementation.

Sam feels statistics are extremely important; i.e. how many homes, the number of people and the number of cars and how it determines the direction of how much water and electricity is used.

Ed Johnson stated he thought the Board should be thinking about solar to supply some of the Town's electric needs. Wayne said he felt aesthetics are important as many people might be opposed; however, he felt we should incorporate solar as it appears to be a wave of the future.

Sam was very concerned about capacity as Central Maine Power won't put in any more lines without the Town paying for it. With increased technology, they should definitely incorporate solar in the Comp Plan. Again, go back to the basics of how many houses, how many people and how much electricity is each house using.

Marge questioned if someone was going to measure beach usage this weekend as it wasn't emphasized in the last plan and should have more emphasis in this one. Sam said the current beach committee has been doing some very specific statistics.

Steve questioned Bob Sutherland whether or not he had discussed population in his assignment of updating building permits and cottage growth. Bob said no, not yet. Steve felt Bob would be able to tell based on the permits which indicate how many rooms, how

many bathrooms and how many bedrooms. Steve felt he could guesstimate how many people based on the number of bedrooms

Wayne said the Transportation Committee has a pretty good handle on ferry usage and the number of people using it. Wayne also said that the Island real estate package is current and the assessor's list has the number of rooms, the number of bedrooms etc. Wayne will try to find a way to get the info to the Board. Sam said if it's printable to give it to him and he will sort through the information.

Dave Treacy wanted to know if we are able to obtain an actual head count on the island. Wayne said probably when we start the season next year and have the electronic ticketing system.

Sam stated that under Implementation they needed to review the last Comp Plan which was done ten years ago to see what was accomplished, and if a goal wasn't met find out why.

Sam moved to table further discussion on the Comp Plan stopping at page 5, and continue at the next meeting; seconded by Bob Sutherland with all in favor.

### **New Business**

Steve welcomed and introduced Peter Salinger as the new Planning Board alternate member.

### **Setbacks**

Steve stated he had talked about driveway setbacks with the CEO who said that if a driveway is paved then it is considered a structure and must adhere to the 50 foot setback from the street. If the driveway is unpaved, then it is not considered a structure. The CEO stated the Planning Board needed to alter the setback ordinance to exclude driveways as structures. He also suggested they look at building height restrictions as there is a building height restriction for the shorefront, but no building height restrictions on back lots.

### **Street numbers**

Wayne stated another thing that needed to be considered is our house numbering system. We currently have an unconventional numbering system which causes confusion especially with rescue and utility services. Cumberland County has been after the Island to use a more common system; i.e. 1,3,5 on one side and 2,4,6 on the other side.

Dave Treacy asked how this would impact our deeds and estate planning. Wayne stated that our deed reflects the lot number and map and page number which would be our identification legally. Only the mailing address would change.

Wayne said the BOS had been hesitant to make the change because some people have put money into fancy signs, but he feels the Planning Board should consider making the change.

### **Criteria for open fires**

Steve stated there are no set rules and plans to consult with the Frye Island Fire Chief for clarification.

### **Boats on Beaches**

Ed Johnson stated the Island passed an ordinance regarding boats on beaches, but there is no follow-through regarding enforcing the rules. Many boats come in and park on the beaches. Wayne stated he will follow up with Rod to get the Island police to patrol the beaches.

No other new business was brought up. The next meeting will be August 15, 2009.

Bob Sutherland made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Sam Donio with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Inez "Smitty" Kaplan