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Comprehensive Plan Minutes October 24th, 2022, 6:00pm South Berwick Police Station Meeting Room

Present: Committee Members: Deb, Chris, Laura, Elita, Jessica, Denise. Nora was absent, Jack recorded the meeting notes.

SMPDC: Paul Schumacher, Reagan Young

Also present: Dan Boyle, SB HDC chair, and Jeff Brubaker.

Meeting convened with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of 9/26/2022 were approved (Motion: Jack, 2nd Chris: Vote: 4-0, 2 abstaining Laura, Elita).

Review Chapter 9 – Historic and Archaeological Resources III. Survey & Other Community Engagement

Paul provided an introduction referencing previous plan content and background.

The committee reviewed edited chapter drafts of Reagan's initial draft.

Dan as long-term chair of Historic District Committee (HDC) reviewed role of the HDC and the limited area of jurisdiction centered downtown. HDC is primarily concerned with street-facing side of buildings. Dan observed the Town lacks a Town-wide inventory of historic buildings and places (*Wendy Persig's Place Names of South Berwick*) was mentioned as a reference. The inventory should be revisited when Goals and Implementation Strategies are considered.

General Discussion on National Historic Register (NHR), Tax Credits, etc.

Denise, as Economic Development Director, provided an overview of in-house services and the potential for outside funding.

Deb mentioned or queried about LD2003 and impacts on HDC properties.

Dan suggested possibilities for accommodation of historic buildings to approved current codes. Dan also referred to NHR ref: section 106 reviews by state.

Jessica suggested amending text with reference to pre-European settlement of the area and provide more detail about Wabanaki or other people who occupied this ground prior to 1600 AD.

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Denise added and reviewed concepts of separating Arts, Culture and Recreation into a separate section. Also suggested appointment of a implementation committee. Paul added, “Goals should be achievable.”

The consensus is to move forward with an edited draft chapter.

Survey Tabulation Progress Update

630 paper surveys have been returned and tabulation is on-going. 630+/- online surveys are submitted.

Survey Response Preview: Reagan provided a power point analysis of current responses titled: South Berwick Community Opinion Survey. Interesting review of selected topics which facilitated comments and committed points of view. Estimated deliverable for Reagan’s update by November 4th.

Start discussion of community workshop(s) and public input:

The committee should think about Focus Group Structure, establish priorities.

Next Steps:

Goals, policies and strategies.

Other Discussion:

Next meeting November 28th – Public Facilities & Services and Local Economy Chapter

MEETINGS		
	Public Input Items	Chapter Review
September	Discuss Survey Wrap Up & Plan for Compiling Results	Review Natural/Water/Ag & Forest Resources Chapters
October	Survey Update & Start discussion of other public input	Historic and Archeological Resources Chapter
November	Present Survey Results	Review Pub Fac and Services Chapter & Review Local Economy Chapter
December		Review Downtown Chapter
January		Review Land Use Chapter
February		Review Fiscal Cap & CIP Chapter
March	Progress Update- Reevaluate	Review Any Additional Chapters (Aging in Place, Climate?)