

TOWN OF ROCKLAND
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MEETING #1

Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 6pm

Attendees: Robert Eggleton, Town Supervisor
Caroline Devoe
Russell Budd, Consultant
Peter Manning, Consultant
Sheila Shultz, ZBA
Harvey Susswein
Manny Zangers
Art Riegal
Chris Tcimpidis
Scott Conley

The meeting began with an introduction of everyone present.

Project Purpose: Outlined copies of what a Comprehensive Plan is were handed out and explained by Peter Manning. It was emphasized that this plan is a revision/update to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan, even though it is not that old yet. There was an explanation of the Statutes and discussion of what is envisioned for the town. The agenda included procedures and protocols, project scope and approximate timeline. Russell Budd will be overseeing the process to help keep costs down and stated that no grants are currently available.

Russell Budd stated how the Master Plan is basically a rendering of the community future. He noted that some items are missing on the current plan and that it was written before the 2010 census. Mr. Budd said that it is good to review a plan every five years and be aware of options on how to make or add changes during review if issues come up.

Peter Manning presented a "Visioning" exercise which will assist in developing a vision for the updated comprehensive plan.

Using 2 index cards, Mr. Manning asked to:

Identify 3-5 assets (strengths, positive attributes) things in the town that you like, you'd like to see preserved, expanded

Identify 3-5 things you'd like to see changes/improved in the next 3-5 years (liabilities, challenges)

A homework exercise was given:

Write a statement/paragraph on how you envision the town as a whole to be in 5-10-20 years from now. Use the assets and liabilities you listed, address challenges, identify opportunities, be positive. If your town was to receive a community excellence award, what characteristics would make it exemplary and worthy of the award?

A general question and answer time followed as well as discussion about appointing members to specific committee positions at the next meeting set for July 27, 2016 at 6pm.