

FOSP Meeting Minutes August 15, 2012

Members present: John Greene (Chairman), Craig Cooper (Acting secretary), Carol Anne Jordan, Frank Governali, Chris Franklin, Jessica Sullivan, and Maureen O'Meara (Staff Representative).

Absent: Richard Bauman, Caitlin Jordan, Wayne Brooking, and Bo Norris

Call to order: Chairman Greene called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Public comment period:

No members of the public were present.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. After a minor correction, the minutes were approved as amended unanimously. (motion by Carol Anne Jordan, Second by Craig Cooper).

Correspondence: a letter from Dan Chase was acknowledged.

Growth Areas: Maureen spoke regarding the state of Maine's requirements for our comprehensive plan to include an identification of growth areas. She reviewed the Maine revised statutes as they pertain to growth areas. The committee had discussion regarding growth projections, housing types, affordable housing, and our comp plan and how it defined our growth areas. It was discussed and agreed upon, that our current growth areas are adequate to accommodate projected growth for the next 10 years.

The committee went on to discuss the preservation of farm lands as well as recently developed farms lands(pros and cons), private property rights , ordinances, wet lands, open space zoning and density.

The committee discussed that the planning board is better suited to deal with land use regulations, regarding the growth areas.

After review of the existing growth area, the committee agreed it did not see a need to change it. However, we do believe it should continue to be looked at by the planning board.

Jessica Sullivan made a motion: Review of the growth area be returned to the planning board as part of the resumption of the comprehensive plan implementation work, which should include public education about benefits of growth areas for open space preservation. The motion was 2nd by Carol Anne Jordan. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Draft Report: The committee reviewed the draft of the final report, chapters 1, 2 and 3.

Chapter 1 was reviewed discussed and accepted with a suggestion that we add some charts.

Chapter 2 was accepted after some minor changes, and will be reviewed again in the future.

Chapter 3. It was agreed that this draft needs to be worked on some more.

Public Comment Period: none

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held September 26th at 7pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm after a motion by Carol Anne Jordan, seconded by Craig Cooper.