



Comprehensive Plan Task Force Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2023

Harpswell Town Office

Approved 12/13/23

Members Present: Kevin Johnson, SB representative; Al LeGrow, Chair; Amy Haible, Vice Chair, Brian Hirst; Dave Brown; Phil Taylor; Mary Ann Nahf, Julie Moulton, Peter Lieberwirth, George Prince. Judy Colby-George and Madeline Tripp from VIEWSHED

Others Present: Sam Alexander, Spike Haible, Monique Coombs, Nick Martinez, John Anthony

- I. **Call to Order and Review Agenda:** Task force members were introduced.
- II. **Recap of Nov 8th Meeting and approval of the minutes:** Al briefly summarized the November 8th meeting, stating that the current focus is land use.
- III. **New Business:**
 - a. **Review of Attendance at Public Events/Meeting in a Box Activities/Focus Groups:** Madeline encouraged TF members to bring the completed GPS documents out into the community for feedback.
 - b. **Review of Goals, Policies and Strategies (GPS) for Future Land Use (Judy):** Al invited members of the public to share their opinions of the land use GPS and maps. Sam Alexander expressed concern about the designation of some of the coastal area near his property as a commercial development zone. Questions were also asked about areas labeled multi-use. The chair stated these issues would be reviewed and clarified before the maps are finalized. Judy briefly explained the process in which Viewshed updated the existing maps, using information gathered from the public. Members of both the TF and the public discussed future land use. Amy moved, seconded by Mary Ann, to ask the State for an exemption on growth areas due to severe physical lack of adequate ground water supply, sewage disposal services, very shallow soils and limitations posed by critical natural resources. There was discussion on the motion and potential outcomes from state denial of the exemption. The motion passed unanimously. Judy further explained the future land use maps and plan. TF members with any comments on the maps should send them to Viewshed by December 12th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla Matthews
Recording Secretary