



Comprehensive Plan Task Force Meeting
Minutes March 17, 2022
Harpswell Town Office
Approved May 19, 2022

Members Present: Allan LeGrow, Philip Taylor, Mary Ann Nahf, Julie Moulton, Peter Lieberwirth, Bob Eaton, Brian Hirst, Monique Coombs

Staff Present: Mark Eyerman, Planner; Kayla Matthews, Staff Liaison

1. **Open Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by Chairman Allan LeGrow. The members were introduced.
2. **Recap of February 17, 2022 Meeting:** The Chair reviewed the previous meeting and briefly discussed the handout prepared by Monique Coombs.
3. **Old Business:**
 - Approve Minutes for January and February Meetings:** Mary Ann Nahf moved, seconded by Peter Lieberwirth, to approve the January and February meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. **New Business:**
 - Review Public Statement for Possible Distribution:** Allan and Mark will continue to work on the public statement for possible distribution at Town Meeting. Allan stated that the task force wants the public informed as much as possible.
 - Task Force Member Exercise RE: Priorities and Perspectives:** Task force members were asked to reflect upon their priorities and perspectives for the new comprehensive plan. Members shared their views and opinions about the following questions:
 - Question 1: What are the most important issues Harpswell will face in the next 10-15 years?** Commonly shared items included: concerns with fresh water supply with increasing demand; preservation of the ocean ecosystems for recreational and commercial use; climate change; and preserving our naturally occurring resources and open space.
 - Question 2: What is the thing you value most about Harpswell that should not change?** Many answers from members revolved around preserving public access to the water; controlling the privatization of the waterfront and tidal areas for business and recreation and preserve the food production industries (farms, fishing, aquaculture and gardening).
 - Question 3: What do you want to see changed?** The members of the task force hope to preserve the rural character, yet move the infrastructure forward; financially plan for the effects of climate change; and ordinance changes for lot size.
 - Final Comments/Adjournment:** Allan will compile the answers to the Priorities and Perspective questions and distribute them to members. The information will also be given to a consultant (pending approval) to help refine goals. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

-Town Meeting Date: April 23, 2022

-Next Meeting April 21, 2022, 2:30pm

Respectfully Submitted;
Kayla Matthews