

**Town of Turner
Comprehensive Planning Committee
April 9, 2018**

Attendance:

In attendance: Mike Gotto, Chair, Mary Briggs, Vice Chair, Karen Youland, John Davis, Scott Abbotts, Eric Cousens, Matthew Maloney, Diane Maziarz, Harry Ricker, Ralph Caldwell and Marcus Reny.

Also Present: Kurt Schaub, Town Manager

Motion to accept: Scott Abbotts. Board unanimously accepts the minutes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm
2. Mr. Mike Gotto announced that the Budget Committee and Select Board did allow the \$6,000 increase in the Comprehensive Plan budget. The town will vote on the increase at the next town meeting. This will give the Board \$12,000 to complete the updated Plan.
3. The Planning Board will plan to have a Public Hearing on April 26, 2018 to discuss changing the current Comprehensive Plan to allow consistency in the plan. The Town voted to allow the expansion in the current zoning for the Hill View Trailer Park. Mr. Mike Gotto stated that when the zoning was occurring that the piece of property was non-conforming. The zoning map is the driving factor however, with the current AVCOG planner the current Comprehensive Plan must be changed. This should not affect the work on the new Comprehensive Plan.

Review Questions for the Survey

Mr. Mike Gotto proposed that with the amount of questions written by the committee members it would take around 5 meetings to go through all of the questions and draft a survey. The other option he would recommend would be for the group to delegate the task to a couple of people to draft the survey with the response they received during a quick overview of the members questions. The Board feels that they could review the questions today and discuss the questions and delegate the task to 2-3 people.

There should be some information given on the topic prior to the question ie. "The current Mill Rate is _____."

The two to three people to help form the questions for the survey will be Karen Youland, Matt Maloney and John Davis.

1. Review of Mary Briggs questions

a. Economic Development

- i. Question # 1. Like but should have multiple choice (favored question)
- ii. Question # 2. Tifts (Most of the general public may not know what this is. Maybe an intro should be done on this topic (Auburn and Lewiston does this) Businesses pay 100% of their taxes. The Town would give some money back so they pay a little less to work toward properly developing the area around the building ect. Helps provide value in the area that will promote economical growth. Tifts areas that would be a development. The Comprehensive Plan currently does not have this so the Town can not offer it.) (This question was liked by the board as a possibility)
 1. Maybe the question should be "What kind of commercial development do you want to see." Maybe go to Public Hearing to see what the General Public would like and then go through what

could be offered for those type of development. The Board needs to remember that some members of the Town do not know what some of these questions would be. (Mr. Matt Maloney)

2. Give a list of possible types of businesses (Mr. Marcus Reny)
- iii. Question # 3. Possibly be combined with #1
- iv. Question # 4. The board does not need to know. (Mr. Mike Gotto questions how many work out of their home?) (This questioned was liked by the board)
- v. 5. Driving distance from their home (20 miles?) (This questioned was liked by the board)

b. Public Services

- i. Maybe combine 1 & 2. The Board likes all of them but should also list Road Maintenance, Fire & Rescue, Solid Waste & ect. (This questioned was liked by the board)

c. Transportation

- i. 1. How safe is Route 4?
 1. Unsafe, safe, very safe? Maybe propose suggestion. (Marcus Reny)
There are a lot of different ways you could ask this. Asking for opinion would be difficult. New Portland broke down the departments (would you like to spend less? More Money? Or the same? To help get an idea.) Have the end of the survey state “Please come to our next Public Hearing to discuss these issues further)
 2. Under passes or overpasses instead of stop lights – Harry Ricker
 3. “Should the Town talk to Maine DOT to discuss the safety of Rt 4?”
-Matt Maloney
 - a. We could use the Public Hearing to discuss what changes they would like to see on Rt. 4.

d. Outdoor Recreation

- i. What recreational activities would you like to see?
- ii. Water access, play fields, ect (This questioned was liked by the board) better way to ask maybe the way Belegrade did)

e. Land Use

- i. Has Turner done an adequate job preserving the Land in Turner.
 1. Ralph Caldwell plans to put a Public area on his land with a picnic table and trash can ect to enjoy the view. He has 10 cars stopping everyday to watch the deer and take in view)

2. Belegrade’s Survey Questions

- a. A scale 1-10 so the results could be read easily and give better results and a better feel on how the Town feels on certain questions.

3. Karen Youland Questions

a. Economic Development

- i. In what area should Turner commit to Commercial Development. (Harry feels like there should be places in Turner i.e. Turner Village, Chase Mills, ect.
- ii. Do you feel Turner
- iii. What future developments would you like to see

b. Public Management

c. Outdoor Recreation

- i. Mary's questions are along the same lines**
 - d. Transportation
 - i. Mary's Questions are along the same line
 - e. Land Use / Development
 - i. Do you feel Turner in an easy to develop in?
 - ii. Which do feel is more important to Turner's future development, commercial or residential?
 - f. Additional questions**
 - i. Would you like to be notified of future meetings in regards to accessing the growth and structure of the town of Turner? (like)
 - ii. Do you see specific areas that the Town of Turner need to address to have not been brought up in this survey (yes)
 - iii. What would you say us the most prominent reason you line in the Town of Turner? (yes)
 - g. Eric Cousens Questions.**
 - i. Economic Development**
 - 1. #1 Was from the first survey (We would not ask this question but use it more for giving an explanation on what these would contain.)
***If you compare Turner to other towns based on those tax rates and those services.
 - ii. Public Services and Development**
 - 1. Bicycle Routes (are their any safe areas?)
 - a. It would be nice to see some bike routes
 - iii. Outdoor Recreation**
 - 1. Encourage Outdoor Events (use a rating system)
 - iv. Transportation**
 - 1. States well that Route 4 is a thruway (this is an issue with people traveling through and that it must go through the State- Karen Youland) The State owns most to all of the bad roads in Turner (Ralph Caldwell) (The Board likes)
 - v. Land Use**
 - 1. No comments really
 - h. John's Questions**
 - i. Most of John's Questions all been answered he would like to see the following that are different
 - a. Market the Outdoor activities. Making sure that the Public Accesses are shown (the Nezinscott River) The Kayaking and Canoeing.
 - i. Scott's Questions**
 - i. Most of the Questions are similar to the questions that have already been asked.
 - 1. The Board feels that keeping the questions simple and stating at the end "Please attend our Public Forums to further discuss your thoughts and ideas and what you would like to see."
 - ii. How do you feel about the School System? (would like to see)
 - j. Town Manager's Questions**
 - i. Town Owned buildings
 - 1. Asking how the Town Members feel about the current Town owned building and improvements that they would like to see (the Select board would struggles on the issue on how to allocate money and improvements)

- a. Marcus Reny feels it is important to keep up with the upkeep on the buildings to help get people to visit our town and preserve these building.
4. Kurt will email the Inventory to the Mr. Mike Gotto to review the information. Mr. Mike Gotto will upload into the Google Drive.
 - a. The Inventory should be reviewed where a lot of the data has changed and there have been dips in the census. The only thing that may have effected this was the Mill. (A lot of the management lived in Turner and Readfield)
5. Next Meetings
 - a. Monday April 30, 2018 (NEW Meeting Date)
 - b. Tuesday May 8, 2018 (has been CANCELLED)
 - c. Wednesday May 23, 2018 (Inventory)

Motion Adjourn at 8:27 pm Mr. Matthew Maloney and Seconded by Harry Ricker.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Ricker