

**Town of Turner
Comprehensive Planning Committee
April 30, 2018**

Attendance:

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

Also Present: Kurt Schaub, Town Manager

Motion to accept: Harry Ricker and second by Ralph Caldwell. Board unanimously accepts the minutes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Review Questions for the Survey

Mr. Maloney presented the Survey to the committee based on the questions formulated. The survey will be about 7 minutes to complete and is around 30 questions. Questions will include General questions I.E “Do you live in Turner?” “Are you seasonal or full time resident?”, Transportation, Public Services, Outdoor Recreation (Adding in maybe a Community Center and Campground)

- a. Mr. Gotto suggests in adding Lodging Facilities, Land Use/Development (Weston Road/ Rt 117 Area had been designed for Commercial Use)
- b. Mr. Caldwell questioned the land on Rt 4 in South Turner for Commercial Use.)
- c. Mr. Gotto suggested adding a 55+ only living area in the “What Type of housing would you like to see in Turner.” Economic Development. What type of Businesses would you like to see in Turner (adding in Restaurants) Ralph suggests that you would need a business that employed 300 + people to be able to support a Restaurant.
- d. Mrs. Briggs questioned that we did not touch base on the Community facilities. BQMC Leavitt Institute GAR Hall, Free Clothing Store, ect. This was added into Town Services. “Which of the following buildings owned by the Town of Turner should be continue a commitment to maintain (Check all that apply) Boofy Quimby Hall, Community House, GAR Hall, Town House, Leavitt Institute and Gazebo.
- e. The Committee decided after review of the questions that another question should be added in “Would you utilize the Town owned buildings more frequently they were improved?”
 - i. Yes or No.
 - ii Mr. Davis believes that the BQMC as a private function area it would not be a place he sees rentable but as a kids function area it would work.

There will be an electronic and paper copy available to be filled out for the community to fill out. Mr. Caldwell suggests using some of the business signs around Turner ie, Murrays Mega Mart could post that there is a survey looking for the Town’s input..

Mr. Abbotts has written an article on the Comprehensive Plan and the Comprehensive survey for the newspaper and this will include the link for the survey.

The survey will plan to be launched before the 4th of the month. The plan will be to keep the survey up for 2 months.

Plans for Town Meeting

1. Mr. Gotto suggests that we have the current maps up so the people can see what the current zoning in. Mr. Gotto will speak on behalf of the Comprehensive Board. Diane Maziarz and Karen Youland volunteered to help Mr. Maloney.
2. Mr. Gotto will plan to address the community at the beginning of the meeting so they can find their way to the table to vote.

Inventory & Analysis

1. Population (page 5, 2.6)

a. Birth and Deaths from 2003 there were 49 births and in 2004 there were 74 births than declined and started to incline in 2016.

2. Economy (page 213)

a. Mr. Schaub has not been able to find data so far and is still working on it. Mr. Ricker and Mrs. Briggs questions if it is needed where current data can not be found. Mr. Ricker believes it should be deleted. Mr. Davis believes that maybe a different more current chart could be found. Page 2.8 has a chart based on employment by occupation. May this would be a more useful chart to use. Mr. Maloney questioned if the current chart was needed because in order to have a Comprehensive Plan per State guideline that the percent of economic change is needed. 2-8 is type of employment and 2-9 provided income. Mrs. Briggs questions if we can get current data that is comparable. MR. Schaub questions if they are even needed based on certain jobs maybe non-existent. Mr. Davis questions if a statement could be written. Mr. Maloney stated that a chart shows percentages which would help answer the question better. Mr. Schaub stated that the only comparable chart is done every month and believe that having a chart done every 4 years would be a better indicator on the trend. Mr. Ricker would be fine with updating the chart if the data could go back 10 year. Mr. Gotto suggest that someone check the charts that Kurt found and adjust accordingly to see what could be done. Mr. Ricker would be ok with creating a chart for every 4 years for data. Mrs. Briggs questioned why this data would not be found more easily because of Lewiston and Auburn and why they do not have this data. Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce or AVCOG may have the data.

- a. Chart on Consumer sales Mr. Schaub will Check on the chart (page 23)

3. Farms

- a. Mrs. Briggs and Mr. Caldwell have provided this list. The farms in Turner have decreased.

4. Major Capital Expenditure Page 37

- a. Mr. Schaub is working on this.

5. Page 59 the only change is the Leavitt Institute is owned by the Town.

6. Page 64 Zoning District Mr. Schaub is working on

7. Page 79 Mr. Schaub will get the information

8. Page 85 Wetlands Mr. Gotto is unsure if you would be able to find the data on this. Mr. Reny was going to look into it. Mr. Maloney will look into this data.

9. Phosphorous Data. (Page 93) Would is make any sense to track this data. Have the Ponds quality increased or decreased. Mr. Gotto believes that this number is not tested for but is required by the ordinance plan and is assigned by DEP. Mr. Schaub stated that the Town pays for water testing every year and maybe moving forward we should be asking for the phosphorous tests ect. so the town could track the changes.

10. Mr. Maloney will look into the data on (Page 98) DEP should have those changes

11. Most the Data has been found and the committee will need to go through the write ups. The committee will split up the pages and draft the information and the tables can be updated for the

pages. This will help expediate the process and Kurt will plan to get the rest of the charts up and running.

Once the inventory has been completed the committee will be able to go through what will need to be updated in the comprehensive plan. This data is needed in order to update the plan. Once the section has been updated a small committee should be formed to go through the section to make sure the writing is more uniform so it flows better while reading. Mr. Gotto stated that all the data is needed in order to help form the policies. This should be known before a public hearing.

The Board will need the survey in order to make the changes. Mr. Ricker suggested we have some data before Town meeting to get some support. Town meeting is on May 19, 2018 so the bulk of the information should be in at that point. An email will be sent out to the committee and have the members pick what they would like to work on. The members will follow up on the topics they have started and will divide up the information that Kurt has and providing a summary on those topics.

Mrs. Briggs suggests that the Board assign the topics tonight to the members to work on. She would like to see this work be done sooner rather than later.

1. Population- Page 63
 - a. Diana Maziarz
2. Economy
 - a. Harry Ricker
3. Public Services
 - a. Scott Abbotts
4. Financial Capacity
 - a. Matt Maloney
5. Transportation
 - a. Marcus Reny
6. Outdoor recreation
 - a. Matt MAoloney
7. Scenic
 - a. Ralph Caldwell
8. Land Use
 - a. Mike Gotto
9. Historical
 - a. Mary Briggs
10. Housing
 - a. Karen Youland
11. Natural Resource
 - a. Mary Briggs
12. Endanger Resources
 - a. Mary Briggs
13. Natural Hazards
 - a. John Davis

Next Meetings

- a. Tuesday May 8, 2018 (has been CANCELLED)
- b. Wednesday May 23, 2018 (Inventory& Analysis will be looked at)
 - i. The Board will look at Public Hearing dates at this meeting.

Motion Adjourn at 8:34 pm Mr. Matthew Maloney and Seconded by Harry Ricker.

Respectfully Submitted, Megan Ricker