

**Minutes  
Hampden Town Council  
Comprehensive Planning Committee  
March 10, 2009 @ 6:30pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Town Council Comprehensive Planning Committee was called to order at 6:33 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Dean Bennett.

Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist  
Dean Bennett, Economic Development Specialist  
Bob Osborne, Town Planner  
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director  
Councilor Tom Brann, Chair  
Councilor Matt Arnett  
Councilor Janet Hughes  
Councilor Jean Lawlis  
Councilor William Shakespeare  
Nancy Chaiyabhat  
Jim Feverston  
Don Katnik

**1. Approval of Minutes**

February minutes were available but not voted on.

**2. Old Business**

No old business.

**3. New Business**

**A. Comp Plan Update**

Stacy Benjamin provided a list of questions for the committee to answer. Below is the list and the committee's responses.

- 1.) What does the committee want to include in the Acknowledgments at the beginning of Book One?

Citizens and staff on committee, consultant and timeframes of process.

- 2.) Is the Vision Statement in Book One, page 3, section 1.4, satisfactory to the committee as written? Information was pulled by Stacy from the plan and intended to represent the

general focus of the plan. Stacy is comfortable it is adequate to meet its purpose but wants to make sure committee signs off.

Rewording and an additional statement:

- Hampden has provided for the efficient and effective delivery of programs and services which meet the needs of its citizens.

- 3.) Is the committee comfortable with the “delegation and priorities” being reviewed by the Manager as the implementation of the plan is ultimately her responsibility. This would save considerable committee review time.

Yes

- 4.) Does the committee want photos in the plan? If so, it is suggested perhaps one photo per section? (Photos to be taken by committee and provided to consultant)

Sections:	Photo
Employment and Economy	
Marine Resources	
Housing	
Water Resources	
Transportation	
Critical Natural Resources	
Recreation	
Historic and Archaeological Resources	
Agriculture	
Forestry	
Public Facilities and Services	
Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investment	
Land Use	

Committee would like photos both black/white and color to enhance the document and also (black/white) provides for more affordable copying costs. Black/White should be larger than color due to difficulty with clarity. Perhaps Color photo at beginning of each section and then black and white within section. Committee committed to providing photos (staff will likely have to do it).

- 5.) What types of additional access is needed along the Penobscot, if any?

Public Access/Recreation Opportunities- Walking paths, picnic areas, additional moorings, recreational areas

- 6.) Are there any areas of traffic congestion in the community that rise to a level of being problematic at this time?

Two areas noted:

1. The intersection of 1A and Mayo Rd during morning commute/school.
2. The intersection of 1A and Kennebec Rd during morning commute/school.

7.) Have the issues of gravel pits been addressed with the recent changes in zoning regulations?

Yes

8.) Need for farm inventory, types, products, farmers markets, farm stands, long and short term viability? A descriptive paragraph is needed.

Calkins' Stand: Flowers/plants/wreaths/trees/ vegetables, "anything that grows".

Couillard's: Strawberrys, eggs

Perry's: Beef Cattle for wholesale, hay

Overall, farm stands of this nature play a very marginal role in the community.

This summer, Edward's supermarket has plans to host a farmer's market in their parking lot.

9.) The Proposed Land Use Plan references the following:

Coldbrook Road/Triangle

"Need to amend current Pine Tree Zone to encourage certain development patterns" Clarification is needed as to what was intended with this statement. Expansion of the Pine Tree Zone area ideally would be enlarged to encompass more land to provide greater development opportunity, as it is currently set there are size and location issues.

10.) What type of cover does the Town want on the comp plan? Color/BW  
How does the Town want the documents bound? Spiral/Ringed etc..  
Is double sided okay for both Book One and Book Two?

We will provide a collage of pictures for the cover and a wordle (sp) for the back cover.

Town Seal  
Monument  
Tree City Sign  
Old School  
River Views  
Rural Landscape  
Eagle  
Business Park

Finish Product: Two sided, stapled and glued.

Copy to: Town Office, Library, Econ Dev Office, Planning Office

Town to provide digital copy to public upon request on CD, and will be on website.

The final draft, prior to public process, spiral bound (1) per committee member for final review.

**4. Public Comment**

The entire meeting was a general open discussion among those present with regards to changes to be made to the comp plan.

**5. Committee Member Comments**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann  
GIS/IT Specialist