



Town of Hampden
Planning Board Workshop
Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:30 pm
Municipal Building Council Chambers
Minutes

In Attendance:

Planning Board

Richard Tinsman, Chair

Jacob Beaulier

Ryan Tribou

Dennis Marble

Benjamin Kaiman

Monica Small (Alternate)

Staff

Clifton J. Iler, Town Planner

Ryan Carey, Code Enforcement Officer

Public

Chair Tinsman called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and verified that all attendees in-person and virtual could hear and see each other.

1. Comprehensive Plan Draft Presentation:

Planner Iler shared a brief presentation of the draft version of the Comprehensive Plan that was unveiled to the public on Monday, May 15, 2023. The presentation covered the public process, the data collection, and the development of the draft. Planner Iler opened the meeting for comments on the prepared draft:

- The income section of the Data Book should reflect income by census tract in order to deviate between rural areas and more wealthy areas. This will allow targeted interventions in areas that need it.
- The language within the document is too lofty and ideal and may not fully represent the breadth of the community as a whole. Hampden is a divided community and the plan doesn't fully reflect it.
- General assumption is that certain groups are already discounting the plan and will therefore spread misinformation regarding the saliency or validity of the content within.
- The case needs to be made that conserving land does not negatively impact property values.
- A land trust or "Friends of" group should be created to preserve natural and open spaces.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Clifton J. Iler, Town Planner