

CETF 10/30/23

4-5:30pm, Town Hall, Conference Room or Auditorium

1. Call to order: 4:06PM
2. Attendance: Ezra Sassaman, Jen Crandall, Ruth Poland, Brian Booher, Mary Ann Handel, Gary Friedmann, Michelle Gagnon, Elissa Chesler, Tobin Peacock, Cali Martinez
3. Approval of Minutes from [10/23/23](#) (Vote): Mary Ann moved to approve the minutes, Gary seconded. All approved.
4. Adoption of Agenda (Vote): Gary moved to adopt the agenda, Brian seconded. All approved,
5. Public Comment: None
6. Focus Group discussion with Comprehensive Planning representatives to discuss overlap between the Comprehensive Plan document and the Climate Action Plan, including assessing if actions related to the climate emergency have been completed, are ongoing, or are no longer applicable/obsolete, and what new strategies should be added. Michelle: Worked with a consulting firm to develop a current status report, a vision statement, and a future land use plan (similar to the previous plan) including growth areas of downtown, Town Hill and the Salisbury Cove/ Hulls Cove areas. Took all the goals, policies and strategies from the last comp plan and looked at them to make sure there were not areas that were lost/forgotten that were considered important. 10 years is not a long time to accomplish much with our style of government. We need to decide on what is truly important to us and make sure it gets done. However, it is hard to figure out what comes first. Comp Plan folks are here to hear our comments and what our priorities are so they are in the final plan. Brian: the first CAP addresses municipal functions, whereas the CAP 2.0 overlaps more with the comp plan. Michelle would love to see CAP 2.0. A lot of what we want that overlaps with Comp Plan might already be in the plan. Ruth: we wanted to re-order the topics in CAP 2.0 by priorities. Transportation can/should be at the top.

The intention of our goals need to be open enough so we don't paint ourselves (or the Town) into a corner. The priorities need to be general enough. Perhaps we do not need the detailed actions but just the goals.

The comp plan should address the fact that Bar Harbor has declared climate change an emergency and that we have a plan and a commitment to address it. The urgency should be reflected.

Can we include our goals with hard numbers of current state and where we want to go so we can show progress? Michelle: need to be careful not to create rules that can't be followed or that don't produce the desired outcomes.

"We work toward a goal..." keep it general enough so we don't tie our hands to be perfect.

Tracking improvements is important. We have to establish the ghg audit as a regular document that is updated so we have data. But this is the job of the CETF not to be part of the comp plan.

Staff planner hired to start Nov 20 who will attend all of our meetings as a liaison between town staff and cctf.

Pay as you throw!!

In summary, Michelle will look over CAP 2.0 and see where there is cross-over, and we will do the same with the Comp Plan when the first draft comes out. We are all on the same page.

7. Closing

A. Review & assign "to do" list.

8. Adjournment: Ruth moves to adjourn, Brian seconds, all approve. 5:37PM

"To Do" List:

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