

York, Maine
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Monday, January 10, 2022; 5:00 P.M.
Zoom

Steering Committee Chair Kathleen Kluger called this supplemental workshop to order at 5:00 P.M. Planning Director Dylan Smith was present, representing Town Hall staff. Patience Horton was the recording secretary, working remotely.

Committee Members present: Kathleen Kluger, Ian Shaw, Nan Graves, Dave Herbein, Jud Knox, Stephanie Byrne, Dave McCarthy, Roan Spencer, and Wayne Boardman. Wayne Boardman had joined the committee as a regular member. Kinley Gregg had resigned from the Steering Committee.

CivicMoxie present: Susan Silberberg and Annie Streetman. Annie Streetman edited a CivicMoxie-generated document called “20220104 Working List of Comp Plan Goals and Strategies.” She worked in real time on the Zoom screen.

5:00-5:10 *Minutes of January 3, 2022—Kathleen Kluger*

The Minutes were approved as written.

Review calendar for January and February meetings

The Wednesday, 1/19/22, and the Monday, 1/31/22, CPSC meetings will be on Zoom. The February locations are not yet known.

5:10-6:20 “Brainstorming” Strategies continue—Susan Silberberg

Goals 1 to 10 were previously brainstormed during the January 3, 2022 meeting. During this meeting, the group went on to Goals 11 through 20.

Goal 11) Reduce Gas Emissions

- Remove the specifics of reducing greenhouse gases. (Specifics go in the CAP.)
- The Comp cannot be in conflict with the CAP in any way.

Goal 12) Ensure the capacity of municipal resources to meet changing needs of the community.

- Include conservation efforts.
- Give appropriate funding, space, equipment, and infrastructure to Town staff.

Goal 13) Improve coordination with local and regional entities and maintain expanded partnerships.

- There are many types of partnerships. Can they be specified?
- Maybe look at Vol. 1 of the existing Comp Plan to research different kinds of coordination.
- What grants are available to us on the State level?

Goal 14) Preserve the State and Town's historic and archeological resources and expand awareness of historic characteristics.

- Arrange for the HDC to be part of a larger range of review processes.

Goal 15) Strengthen, expand, and support community-oriented business opportunities, like food trucks, pop-ups.

- Do food trucks damage existing businesses, or do they create healthy competition?
- Embrace emerging business opportunities.
- Create neighborhood business groups.

Goal 16) Foster a socially and economically diverse population in town.

- Partner with YCSA and other organizations in town, like the York Diversity Forum, to make cultural support.
- Create a forum for welcoming immigrants into the community.

Goal 17) Ensure that the needs of the Town's increasing older adult population are met.

- Consider input from York Hospital, EMTs, the Fire Department, and the library.
- Expand digital and education access.
- Because so many categories of the Comp Plan encompass older adults while also addressing other populations, CivicMoxie will cross-reference and integrate multiple systems.

Goal 18) Provide the connectivity for enhanced transportation options.

- Tie into Wells (Amtrak) and Portsmouth (C&J) transportation centers.
- Connect regional colleges and universities with shuttles.
- Sidewalks and paths for pedestrians and bicycles will be emphasized as safety improvements.
- Do older adults want more and different (better) gathering places than a multi-generational community center?
- Connect on the internet.
- Expand the use of the community auditorium with TV broadcasting.
- Expand the Parks & Rec newsletter distribution.

Goal 19) Optimize and increase resources and capacity for recreation, social activity, and programming in the York community.

- Is there an underutilized school that can become a community center [like in Kittery]?
- Many of these opportunities already come to young people through the schools.
- Design facilities to the changing needs of the demographics.
- Make park-space for older adults who have compromised mobility and sight.

Goal 20) Excellence in education

- Address life-long learning to cover everybody in town.

- Create spaces for open dialogues.
- Expand and support ideological and cultural diversity.
- Engage the community in school policies, events, and outcomes.
- Support the School Committee.

6:20-6:30 *Wrap-up and next steps—Susan Silberberg*

CivicMoxie plans to streamline the ideas and remove repetition, arranging ideas by theme. This work is quickly moving forward toward the early draft.

6:30 *Adjourn*

Respectfully submitted,
 Patience G. Horton
 Recording Secretary

	Date	Time	Location (Library or Zoom)
1	Wednesday, January 19	5:00-6:30	Zoom
2	Monday, January 31	5:00-6:30	Zoom
3	Monday, February 7	5:00-6:30 (regular meeting)	t/b/a
4	Wednesday, February 9	5:00-6:30	t/b/a
5	Wednesday, February 16	5:00-6:30	t/b/a
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