

York, Maine
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Wednesday, February 23, 2022; 5:00 P.M.
Zoom

Steering Committee Chair Kathleen Kluger called this supplemental workshop to order at 5:00 P.M. Committee members Kathleen Kluger, Vice Chair Ian Shaw, David McCarthy, Mike Sinclair, Jud Knox, Dave Herbein, Wayne Boardman, Dave Webber, Stephanie Kemp Byrne, Troy Williams, and Nan Graves were present. Annie Streetman and Greg Hanafin represented CivicMoxie. Planning Director Dylan Smith and Land Use Planner DeCarlo Brown represented Town Hall staff. Patience Horton was the recording secretary.

5:00 - 5:15 Minutes

- The February 16, 2022, Minutes were accepted as amended.

5:15 - 6:45, Natural Resources, Goals 10, 11, 12 - Annie Streetman

Goal 10, Agricultural and Forest Resources.

- Assure that people who want to farm are able to.
- A definition is needed for small-scale farming. What is commercial gardening? What is community gardening?
- Educate farm and forest landowners how to enroll in use taxation programs.
- Work with the York Land Trust. They prioritize land conservation. Work with Inland Fisheries & Wildlife.

Comments about Natural Resources go to Nan Graves and Steph Byrne.

Goals 11 & 12, Marine Resources.

- How are specific view-easements or use-easements determined? Access and scenic easements and points are identified in the Comp Plan Implementation Table.
- The old Comp Plan establishes commercial activity east of Sewell's Bridge. Properties for recreational uses are located above Sewell's Bridge.
- The subject of docks on the York River is a "hot button."
- The Harbor Board has an independent question on the May ballot to maintain the existing standards of docks west of Sewell's Bridge.
- The Harbor Board has been trying to establish language about creating a neighborhood dock east of Sewell's Bridge, but cannot reach consensus. An ad hoc committee should be formed to evaluate and potentially amend dock requirements in town.
- Form a committee of Planning Board, Selectmen, and Harbor Board members to explore expanded use of Town-owned waterfront for commercial and recreational use.
- Should specific use of Grant House go in the Comp Plan?
- Does the Grant House deed say that a paddle-craft launch facility cannot be built at Grant House? Has an attorney reviewed the deed? Mike Sinclair has a copy of the deed, if anyone wants it.

- A study identifying additional recreational access points on the river has been done. The Harbor Board paid for one in 2019.

Comments about Marine Resources go to Mike Sinclair and Dave Webber.

Budget Request: \$450 for Dropbox account

The Dropbox account idea has fallen through. Town IT had security concerns. The Dropbox was intended to store the large files that are being produced.

CompFest II—Thursday, May 12, 2022

- The Comp Plan will be introduced to the public during CompFest II at the Community Auditorium and on High School grounds.
- It will be taken on the road during May and June.
- The first Public Hearing is Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Kathleen Kluger read a message from Susan Silberberg to the Steering Committee. From the start, CivicMoxie and the Steering Committee have been charged with producing a 100-page Comp Plan based on professional planning and community feedback. Part of the challenge has been to make it user-friendly so that non-planners can understand and enjoy reading it. Different levels of detail are being provided in different ways. The emerging Plan appears as an executive summary that has seven chapters in one hundred pages. Those one hundred pages do not hold everything that was researched and written. That is the purpose of the appendices. “The appendices will hold all the goodies for people who want to go diving for them,” Susan wrote.

Kathleen Kluger added her own comments about what to expect in the work ahead.

- It is York’s Plan, not Civic Moxie’s document.
- In further work, remember the goal is to keep it to 100 pages. That means resisting the compulsion to add more.
- Visual appeal does not matter right now. Content does.
- The final document will implement an InDesign magazine template, and will not appear as a Word document.
- Graphics might be in the form of simple diagrams. Graphics will be laid out in the next phase.

Annie Streetman asked for more photos uploaded to Google Drive.

6:45-7:00 Correspondence/Comments—Kathleen

There were no members of the public. No correspondence came in.

Adjourn 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Patience Horton

Next meetings

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| Monday, February 28, 5:00 P.M. | Zoom |
| Tuesday, March 1, 5:00 P.M. | Zoom |
| Monday, March 7, 5:00 P.M. | Zoom (regular meeting) |