

**LAND USE REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
TOWN OF UNITY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013, 6:30 P.M.
LOCATION: UNITY MASONIC LODGE, UNITY, MAINE**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kenney, Jo Kenney, Tony Avilla, Don Newell, Nancy Zane, Emily Newell, Barry McCormick, John McIntire

OBSERVERS: Charlie Porter, Jean Bourg, Diane Hull, Faith Carlson, John Piotti, Deb Dutton, Chia Murdock

Moderator: Don Newell

RECORDER: Sherry Powell-Wilson

Moderator: Don Newell

First order of business was the Minutes of the March 27, 2013 Land Use Review Committee meeting were accepted and approved as read. The decision was made to no longer require meeting minutes to be verbatim. Will use the Minutes as an agenda for following meeting.

Discussion regarding the charter for the group. Some confusion as to the specific charge. It was stated that this group is charged with establishing the membership, or making the recommendation to the Selectmen, for who will staff the committee who will update the Comprehensive Plan.

To take this plan forward, Don asked the group to start brainstorming for the names of individuals to approach to join. The importance of having the right combination of individuals was stressed.

How best to assemble the best group?

- 1) The group needs to be larger than it is currently and include people who have been part of this committee and on the Planning Board.
- 2) Invite members of the community to take part.
- 3) Invite people from Unity College to attend.
- 4) Reach out to past members from the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
- 5) Look for people with specific skill sets.
- 6) Draw up a self-assessment checklist to potential members to fill out.
- 7) Focused recruitment.

What groups, businesses, entities could we draw from:

1. Local businesses and other stakeholders in town.
2. Young people.
3. The Amish community.
4. Fire department members.
5. MOFGA.

6. Local farmers.
7. Members of Seabasticook Regional Land Trust.
8. Social service people.
9. The schools and school board.
10. Someone from the Health Center.
11. Someone from Unity Barn Raisers.
12. People living in senior housing.
13. People living in low-income .
14. Members of the food pantry.
15. Members of the Masonic Lodge.
16. Students who attended Unity College and have settled in the area.
17. Someone from Uninets.
18. Unity College.
19. SnowDuster's Club.
20. The Lake Association.

The question was raised if every member has to be a resident of Unity. The group decided that members do not have to be limited to residents of Unity.

How best to attract involvement:

1. Put out a general invitation with detail to include what would be required, what the group needs, and skill sets we're looking for.
2. Members of this committee soliciting involvement directly.
3. Social media (Facebook).
4. Unity's website.
5. Post notice at local businesses.
6. Advertise in local newspapers.
7. John Piotti suggested to place a copy of the State's Comprehensive Planning Manual at the Town Office as well as provide a link to the Manual on-line on anything distributed.

Skillsets Suggested:

1. Ability to use a computer although it was stressed to not limit involvement based on computer skills or access.
2. Someone with the ability to organize. Jean Bourg was suggested as having this ability.
3. Ability to understand economic development.
4. Someone with an interest in growth management.
5. Somebody involved in sustainability (agriculture).
6. Forward thinker and visioning capabilities.
7. Someone who understands how a town government.
8. Someone who is able to take all opinions and use those opinions to facilitate discussion. At this point, John Piotti was invited to be a part of the group and John accepted.
9. Someone who can understand all of the technical pieces.
10. Someone with a legal background and who could understand and write legal language.

11. Someone with ability to work with 'visioning software.'
12. Financial advisor capabilities.

What will be involved for members:

1. How often will group meet?
2. For how long will group meet?
3. Will there be a main committee and subgroups?
4. Homework requirements.
5. Active participation.

Specific names suggested:

Kevin Spigel

Jean Bourg

Charlie Porter although Charlie feels it is his job to enforce the laws, not make them.

Jessie Pyles

Andy Reed

Heather Perry

Josh Miville at Chase Toys

Jayne Sullivan at Unitel

Annie Roming

Ideas for once the group is established:

- 1) Involvement with the community through the use of on-line, mailings, surveys left at local establishments, and face-to-face.
- 2) The need to know what parts of the Comprehensive Plan we're going to try to do ourselves, and what parts we will hire for. It was suggested that once the Committee is formed, that will be one of the first tasks addressed.
- 3) Meeting with KVCOG up front.
- 4) Deadline for completion of Comprehensive Plan.
- 5) What should be drawn up first, the Comprehensive Plan or the Land Use Ordinance?

Action Items:

1. Come back prepared with names of individuals who we could approach to be on this committee.
2. Nancy Zane will approach people at the college.
3. John Piotti and Emily Newell will draw up, distribute, and post a notice to the public to invite participation.
4. John McIntire will come up with a couple names of someone to represent MOFGA.
5. Emily will approach members of the fire department.
6. Invite people to attend next meeting just to see what it's about.
7. Jean Bourg will talk with Andy Reed.
8. Jim Kenney will take with Najean Shedyak.
9. Don Newell will talk with Jayne Sullivan and Annie Roming.
10. John McIntire will approach the Amish community.

11. Barry McCormick will talk with his daughter.

Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Powell-Wilson, Notary Public