

**CAMDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**November 1, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Chair Lowrie Sargent; Members: Richard Householder, Chris MacLean and Jan MacKinnon; Alternate Member Sid Lindsley; Don White, Select Board Liaison to the Comprehensive Plan Committee; and CEO Steve Wilson

**ABSENT:** Member Kerry Sabanty

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jean Freedman-White, Coordinator and Liaison to the Chapter Working Groups

**1. MINUTES**

Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**2. CHAPTER ASSIGNMENTS, SCHEDULE of WORK, ETC:**

Members had been assigned one Chapter each from the A group to summarize for the above purpose. Those summaries and the categorized chapter scheme will be taken to the Select Board for their review, and so they can begin to solicit citizen participation and assign Committees their work.

Chapter 1, History - Mr. Lindsley: Plans are to work with Barbara Dyer to bring the chapter up to date; the Historical Committee and Barbara Dyer will consolidate information from 1880 through present and present to Committee by June 2013.

Mr. Sargent suggested that since essentially the same group of people will be working on Chapter 1 the History and Chapter 14, and the same group will be working on Chapter 5 and Chapter 6, that Chapters 1 and 5 be tackled first and 6 and 14 second. Mr. Householder disagrees saying that Chapter 14 has a great many more people involved that Chapter 1. Ms. MacKinnon suggested that as they work on the first of the two chapters, each group can keep track of what is also going to be used in the second chapter so they don't have to redo that again when they get to that work.

Chapter 5, Natural Resources - Ms. MacKinnon: In the first five pages of the Chapter very little needs to be done because it is basic data. She suggests looking at each section for the timely items that need to be updated, but it is not a lot. Ms. MacKinnon had called some of the people on the list to work on this section – the list was huge. She now thinks that only the Parks & Recreation Department, the Conservation Commission, the Megunticook Watershed Association, and the Hosmer Pond Association should be the core group. In addition to those on the list who would participate at an advisory level, the Town Wastewater Department, Maine Water and the Fire Chief should be added to that list. She does not think all the committee/groups included on the master list should be part of the Working Group.

The Committee discussed the best approach to getting citizen input and participation. Ms. Freedman-White suggested these steps:

- The individual committees/groups meet individually and develop their recommendations for changes. They appoint one person from the Committee to attend a meeting of the core group for that chapter.

- The core group consists of one representative from all the different groups making up the Chapter Working Group. They have an initial meeting where they go over input from individual groups and come to some initial conclusions.
- The public is invited to a second meeting - Public Hearing - of the core group to give input and participate.

Mr. Sargent strongly disagrees. He believes that the Select Board should advertise and tell people they will start meeting the first of January or, perhaps the middle of January instead. That gives Ms. Freedman-White almost two months to go to the individual committees to inform them of the process, and the committees time to meet to discuss and review the chapters before they all meet as a core group. Mr. Sargent does not think it is necessary that the committees come to a consensus *before* that initial meeting, although Ms. Freedman-White thinks that the committees' representatives will have to be able to reflect their committee's point of view. Mr. Sargent replied that these four chapters, are, on the whole very easy to fix. He thinks the work can be done in two meetings or so, and is not worried that there will be too many members of the public showing up that it will make the meeting unmanageable. Mr. MacLean also thinks it is very important to open up the process to the public as early as possible to avoid criticism that the work was done without public input until it was too late to matter.

Mr. Lindsley asked Ms. Freedman-White how, in addition to the news stories, she think the word can get around that the Committee is looking for volunteers. Ms. Freedman-White suggested that she (or someone from the Committee) can go to meetings like the Rotary and the Garden Club and do a presentation there announcing that citizens are welcome to participate and asking the members to help get the word out. The Town's website can be used as well as putting announcements on Village Soup. Part of Ms. Freedman-White's experience is as a journalist, and she will help re-work the chapter "stories" and news stories so they are print-ready for the papers.

Chapter 6, Natural Opportunities and Constraints: Lowrie Sargent: He had emailed a summary around to members – there were no suggested changes. He also had written a letter to the Select Board to accompany the materials he will send, and he read that letter to the Board.

Chapter 14, Historic Resources: Richard Householder: This chapter is lengthy with a lot of requirements, and there are a lot of goals relating to this Chapter throughout the whole Comprehensive Plan. He has written a more detailed summary than the others explaining the connections between the Plan and the Ordinances.

Mr. Sargent will take his packet of information to Janice Esancy early next week so they will have the information before their meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Sargent asked members to look at the "B" category to see if they can prioritize the list and suggest some ways to better manage that huge batch of chapters.

There being no further business before the Committee, they adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed from tape recordings,  
Jeanne Hollingsworth, Recording Secretary