

Planning Committee Notes: December 30, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Machias Fellowship Church, 3519 Roszyk Hill Rd.

Attendance Dave Zilker, Kevin Sparks, Josh Dusterhus, Nick Glasner, Rafael Tudela and Colleen Haines

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer by Kevin.

Thank you to Kevin Sparks for putting together our template for the Town of Machias Comprehensive Plan.

Kevin was able to hook up his computer to the church's projection screen so everyone could see and discuss the Comprehensive Plan template together.

In 1.1 – Purpose of the CP under the statement “develop a Plan for 2025 and beyond”, it was discussed to review this statement with more members in attendance. Some ideas suggested is to make the CP a 5 or 10 year plan with room for adjustments.

In section 2.1 Methodology and Findings where the survey is mentioned about the combined response rate, Josh will be obtaining the information needed there. We will need to come up with a date to present the CP to an open forum and public hearing.

Section 3.1 Regional Context Overview, Population characteristics, Dave Zilker was going to check with Brad Parker to see if Brad has any up-to-date information on the population of Machias. Under Income and Financial well being we need to find out what % of Machias residents are receiving some form of state and/or federal assistance. Through the survey information we need to find out the percentage of survey takers indicated opportunities for senior citizens was extremely important for the town. Also needed from the survey is the percentage of survey respondents show that our youth should be a priority. Housing is another area where information is needed, some from the survey and other from outside sources.

A lengthy discussion was had about the Great Lakes Cheese Factory. Has anyone seen any townwide (Farmersville) benefits from the business yet and what are other towns doing regarding the factory and other large businesses in their areas. How is Yorkshire handling the loss of Big Lots?

Minor discussion was made regarding 3.2 Regional Make Up. Lack of business and empty business lots – how do we get them here? One business that was mentioned was WellNow. As of right now, the other urgent care facilities available to many small towns in the area are in Olean (34 miles away) and Springville (21 miles away). There aren't even any doctor's offices nearby anymore.

Nick is going to find out when the Bear Creek campground ceased operating.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is Monday, January 27, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Fellowship Church located at 3519 Roszyk Hill Road

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