

Minutes

Planning Board Meeting

**The Planning Board met on
Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at the
Chebeague Island School multi-purpose room**

Agenda

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Present: Bob Earnest, Chip Corson, Travis Nadeau, Herb Maine, Esther Danielson, Caitlin Bowman (Kyle Koerber arrived later).
2. Review minutes of 8/6 and 6/11 meetings; both 8/6 and 6/11 sets of minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Discussion: Open Space Plan – followup on workshop; next steps.
 - a. Discussion on how to write Open Space Plan; Bob will talk with beginningwithhabitat.org (BWH) – do they have a template? How are they willing to assist? Do they recommend that we pursue help from a consultant?
 - b. Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust and Beginning with Habitat seem willing to assist in plan.
 - c. Brief review of the Harpswell Open Space Plan; might this become a template, or, a source of inspiration? They do have similarities...
 - d. Discussion on how long should this project take? TBA...
 - e. Homework next meeting: Read Harpswell Plan etc.
 - f. Research other Open Space Plans that are relative to Chebeague's needs, laws and requirements. Bob to look for such plans from similar island communities.
 - g. Question: what state is the comprehensive plan data and inventory?
 - i. Discussion: 9 yrs old 3 houses/ year, so perhaps 15-20 new constructions since Comp Plan written. We do have inventories of both wells and septic, but they need formatting & review... Conclusion/assumption: likely the inventories will need tweaking but not total recall. Wetland change discussion; Wildlife Data changes; etc. BWH / Maine Dept of Fish & Wildlife may be able to help with some of these inventories.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend!

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- h. Chip: Well assessment to discover possible aquifer recharge areas for future conservation.
 - i. Bob: Need more PB members in attendance in order to decide on timeline for Public Workshops and Town Meetings.
4. Other business?
- a. Board resignations: in the past week or so, 3 members of the Planning Board have resigned, due to moving, illness, etc. Town Office staff will begin the process of advertising for replacements; PB members and the general public are encouraged to bring forth suggestions for potential recruits.
 - b. Selectboard economic plan:
 - c. Herb: wondering if there is a place for Planning Board to be involved with Selectmen in terms of economic sustainability for the Town of Chebeague.
 - i. Look at local economy and what needs amplifying; the waters in our Town are controlled by the State; we have no jurisdiction. But we have an investment in the waterfront as our local economy. An economic sustainability plan may help us strengthen our position relative to emerging "land use" issues in the waters of our Town.
 - ii. Town needs to have a focus on how to proceed to best benefit the Town of Chebeague in future and what kinds of jobs will be available.
 - iii. Bob proposed that we take this item up after we're closer to a full contingent of PB members; perhaps as a November agenda item?
 - d. Herb: Capital Plan. Timely and beneficial for Planning Board to review the annual Town Capital Plan.
 - i. How should we be involved? What is our input? Herb will send a copy of the current Capital Plan for Bob to share with PB members; Bob will add to future PB agenda.
 - ii. Sunset and Stone Wharf meeting. Planning Board involvement in the decision making process is important; Sunset is, after all, an open space that has the potential to be developed. How should the PB be involved?
5. Public comment? None, beyond the extensive conversations above.
6. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

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