

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

Minutes for Meeting of October 24, 2023

Present: Dick Greenan, Joan Orr, Barbara Russell, Larry Stafford, Alice VanDerwerken Sandy Shute

1. Old Business

- a. **Ordinances on Town Website** – It was proposed that we ask the Selectboard to add a Warrant Article to fund the digitization of Town maps, as these would have multiple uses by the CEO, selectboard, various committees and boards as well as the residences. **Joan** will connect with Joel at KVCOG to ascertain the possibility and cost. She will then prepare the Warrant Article for the Selectboard.
- b. **Logo Contest** – Larry reported that seven (7) entries have been received thus far. We have been promised a gift cards from Trees to Please, Stoney End Farm, Mama's Soap, and Stick Diamond, all to be part of the gift basket/prize for the logo winner. **Barbara** will get a write-up to the office for Julie to publish in mid-November to remind folks to get their submissions in. This will include a list of items for the winner's basket as well. **Dick** will send another solicitation for entries though the BLA.
- c. **Newsletter/Communications Committee/Google Analytics** – Joan had written a very comprehensive description for the proposed Communication Committee. The Selectboard felt that the idea of a Communications Committee, as presented, was too broad, but would accept the idea of a newsletter. The selectboard says they have no money for a mailed newsletter, but they could send it electronically. Much discussion followed, essentially with everyone agreeing that the point of mailing the newsletter was to reach every household as there are those who don't have email or even internet. To optimize communication in Rome, it is felt that a mailed letter is the best option. We can always offer for residents to choose to receive it electronically, which would save on mailing costs in the future. It was decided to go ahead with the plan to do a direct mailing, even if the committee privately funds it the first time and to have it ready before the Annual Meeting. **Larry** will ask Tammy if the Town has the bulk mailing permit, and, is there a mailing list for year-round residents or do we just have PO put a letter in every mailbox? Does PO know how many boxes they deliver to in the winter? When we have these numbers, we can calculate the cost for the mailing. **Larry** will work to develop a cost estimate to mail the newsletter three times a year and work with **Joan** if needed to write a Warrant Article to request funds. Ideas were shared on who might be interested in being on the Newsletter Committee. Alice will approach Mary Kerwood, Lenny LaGrange, Elaine Eadler, Linda Peterson. **Dick** will ask Julie to solicit interested people via the Town website, Facebook page. **Dick** will also follow up with the possibility of a Colby College intern. **Dick** will solicit articles from Dams, Lakes and Planning Board. **Sandy** will submit article from Recreation; **Alice** from Historical; **???** from Andy from RSU18; **Joan** from CEO. Of special interest in all the articles would be resources available to residents. Articles are due to **???** by the end of the year.
- d. **Slope Map** – **Joan** will contact Joel at KVCOG again to see if he can produce a slope map that coincides with our shoreland zoning ordinance requirements..
- e. **Water Quality Committee** – the Selectboard does not support a Water Quality Committee but does approve of Rome having two people attend area organizations' meetings and report back to the Selectboard. Such organizations should include at least 7LakesAlliance

and the Water Quality and Natural Resources Committee for the Town of Belgrade. **Larry** said his wife might be interested; **Dick** will check with Lynn Matson and Larry Reich>

- f. **Capital Investment Planning** – After Larry’s discussion with the Selectboard, it appears there is little support for a Capital Investment Plan.

2. New Business

- a. **Archeological and Historical Sites** – It was suggested that the checklist that is required for commercial and solar development be added to apply for residential development and to incorporate the new map that is part of the Comprehensive Plan to be part of the permit process.
- b. **Outstanding actions associated with....** (Did we actually respond to 2.0, 3.4, and 4.2? – can somebody help me out here??)
 - i. 2.0 (Protection of archeological resources in sensitive areas). **Dick** to research current town ordinances.
 - ii. 3.4 (Emergency Response Plan). **Larry** will meet with Ed Pearl and Kelly Archer to determine if a plan currently exists for the town of Rome.
 - iii. 4.2 (Efforts to reduce inputs of phosphorus from existing sources in the watershed). **Joan** to discuss with Andy Marble (CEO) inclusion of the potential grant opportunities for eligible residences as an article in the newsletter.
 - iv. 4.3 (Options and ramifications of a potential Mooring Ordinance). **Joan** discussed with Andy Marble (CEO). Overnight Mooring of Boats **There is concern regarding the disposal of wastewater. Should we have an ordinance. The problem is that it is difficult to enforce. It was decided to let the new Water Quality Representatives get info on what Belgrade is doing. It would be good to be on the same page as we share water bodies.**
- c. **Online review starting with 4.4**
 - i. 4.4 (educating the public on water quality conservation) – **Sandy** will talk to Laura Rose Day at Seven Lakes, Pete Kallin, and Dan MacGlashing for possible programs/activities
 - ii. 4.6 ???
 - iii. 4.7 this would fall under responsibility of the new Water Quality Reps
 - iv. 6.1 (to look for undeveloped shoreline that might be made available for public use) Sandy reminded the committee that the Comprehensive Plan Committee agreed that another boat launch would not be a good idea as it would require construction and maintenance costs and ongoing inspection costs. However, we could have public access for swimming or carry-in. **Sandy** will talk to Dwight Allison about public access somewhere on Little North Pond.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5pm at the Community Building

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