

**Alfred Comprehensive Planning Committee – Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**  
**Alfred Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 6:30 p.m.**

Amy Titcomb co-chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Members present were Amy Titcomb, Amy Sprague, Lee Steele, Arthur Karcher, Stephen Gile, Jon DeFrance, John Sylvester and Jim Allaire. Others present were, Consultants Kathy Connor and Paul Schumacher of SMPDC, Secretary Darcy Hobgood and guest Fred Frodyma, Conservation Commission.

Amy T began the meeting with **Timeline Review and Planning**. She noted that our guest speaker at the February 4, 2016 meeting would be Bob Dawber of York County Shelter. The following week a discussion of two GPS chapters, Transportation and Public Facilities and Services is scheduled. She questioned the wisdom of trying to cover both in the same night due to the fact that the Road Commissioner, Roads Committee, Fire and Rescue and other guest are expected to attend. She suggested moving Transportation to the following meeting on March 17 when Housing and Population GPSs are scheduled to be covered. Amy S will look at the possibility of rescheduling.

Amy S provided members with an updated Timeline draft including all scheduled meetings as well as public meetings and hearings. Public meetings are currently scheduled for June 7, review of the first draft of the Comprehensive Plan and September 20 for presentation of the entire Comp. Plan.

**Meeting Minutes from January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016** were reviewed. Amy S motioned to accept them as written, the motioned was seconded and all voted in favor.

Next on the agenda was discussion of **Natural Resources Goals, Policies, and Strategies** led by Kathy Connor. Kathy reviewed the points in the GPS one by one. The question of development on slopes in excess of 20% (Policy 4) was discussed. The CEO will look into the current ordinance. Jim mentioned that the Planning Board is able to waive this requirement. The CPC suggested several minor changes concerning time frame. Fred suggested that the Conservation Commission be included as a responsible party to help carry out Policies 1 and 5.

Amy T questioned who is currently responsible for oversight of woodlot management plans. John explained how the plans are handled in the Selectmen's office and Jim remarked that he has the authority to call in a forester to check out suspected violations.

Wording of Policy 6 was discussed. It was concluded that "Three Rivers Land Trust" would not be specified due to the implication that other land trusts could be excluded.

Fred question whether conservation of Open Space should be included as a Policy. Kathy replied that it is mentioned in both the Land Use and the Farmland and Forestry GPS s.

The next item on the agenda was **Water Resources Goals, Policies, and Strategies**. Alfred's one goal is to protect the water quality of Alfred's lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and groundwater resources. Fred suggested re-wording of Strategy 2 to correct the programs overseen by DEP. When asked, he explained the data is used by DEP to generate a report at year end which is published on the Town's website.

The application of road salt was discussed as part of Policy 3. John will ask the Road Commissioner about the amount of salt used. He also pointed out the much of the salt used in Town was applied to roads maintained by the State.

It was noted that references to lakes should include Shaker Pond and Bunganut Lake as well as Estes Lake and Middle Branch Pond. Minor changes were suggested for the time frame.

**New Business** included discussion of John's response from Geoff Herman of Maine Municipal Association. John provided a hand out of the letter from Geoff and supporting documents which he received in response to his question concerning changes in Water District policy. John will ask Geoff for clarification of the second to last paragraph in his letter which refers to community control in amending the water districts charter. Lee noted that Sanford's charter includes all residents of Sanford whether or not they are in the district's service area. John pointed out the importance of partnering with the Water District Board if the Legislature is to be approached about any potential changes in the charter. Discussion of this issue will be included in the Public Services section of the GPS.

The **Draft Article for Annual Report** was briefly discussed. Due to the fact that one CPC member had to leave and there was no longer a quorum, this agenda item was postponed to a later meeting. Amy S and John will collaborate on the draft.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Anticipated Agenda:

Discussion with Bob Dawber, York County Shelter and Preparations for Transportation and Public Facilities and Services GP&S Chapters.