

**CITY OF BREWER
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2013**

Vice Chairman McIntosh called the meeting to order at the Brewer City Hall Council Chambers at 8:05 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

Kevin Birch	Absent
Allen Campbell	Absent
Jim Donnelly	Absent
Michael Fitzpatrick	Absent
Nicole Gogan	Present
Kevin Gresser	Present
David Hanna	Present
Frank Higgins	Present
Linda Johns	Present
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Present
Janet McIntosh	Present
Daniel O'Connell	Present
Bev Uhlenhake	Present
Andrew Varisco	Absent

Consultant Rich Rothe Present

Also in attendance was Rodney Butler (Water Dept) from 8:35 to 9:10 and Perry Antone (Public Safety Chief) from 8:50 to 10:00.

Minutes of the March 25, 2013 Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Rich noted that the Committee is generally on schedule. The original schedule has a public meeting (visioning session) planned in June. If the Committee does want to hold it in June, it needs to be further discussed in May. The public meeting should be held before school session ends and on a weekday night. Janet noted that there were approximately 40 people at the last Comp Plan public meeting.

Rich also discussed keeping on schedule. If someone misses a meeting, the Committee needs to keep moving forward and not go back. There will be time to make changes at a later time.

Water, Sewer, Stormwater Goals, Policies, and Strategies. Rich noted minor changes are underlined in the revised document. The Committee made the following comments:

- Strategy #2B – remove “automating operations where feasible” and add “... other improvements where needed”;

Water Inventory. Water Department Superintendent Rodney Butler answered questions. The Committee and Rodney made the following comments:

- Brewer is one of 14 in the country with a filtration waiver. Twelve of them are located in Maine and Bangor Water District is included;
- Fire hydrants are color-coded to assist the fire department in responses.

Public Safety Inventory. Rich and Linda noted that the draft inventory was prepared after talking with the representatives of the Public Safety Dept and a tour of the facility. Public Safety Chief Perry Antone answered questions. The Committee and Perry made the following comments:

- The new location of the Public Safety Dept is most important to the Fire Dept. The old location on South Main Street was downhill of most of the City making it more difficult for trucks to travel uphill on responses. The location is also more centrally situated, geographically;
- Mutual aid agreements are currently in place with Clifton, Eddington, Holden, Dedham and Orrington. The municipalities train together. Brewer also has mutual aid with Bangor;
- The ISO rating is higher with the new building. Perry will supply additional information on the rating system.
- The Police Dept needs cold storage for larger items. Depending on the crime, some items need to be kept indefinitely. These large items can consist of couches and rolled carpets;
- Two Capital ambulances are housed at the Public Safety building. The contract with Capital includes calls further out of town to places such as Amherst and Dedham;
- 92% of the Fire Dept calls are for EMS;
- Drug addiction and education are important. The School Resource Officers (SRO) are busy, drug issues and education are part of their duties. The old DARE program was expensive and no longer in place. Schools and the Public Safety Dept have worked well together;
- Drug treatment programs are currently insufficient;
- The Police Dept considers this a three-prong issue – enforcement, education, and treatment;
- The Police Dept is trained in crisis intervention. Primarily mental health. Riverstone Crisis Center in Brewer has been helpful;
- Add a strategy on a continuing partnership between the school and police department on education in the schools at all grade levels (drug, sexual assault, etc.). This needs time and funding;
- Continue to have Police Dept testify and educate at legislative hearings;
- Police Dept does seminars for the public on drug use, business security, etc. but often have low attendance.

Rich and Linda will prepare updated copies of the revised documents as discussed at this meeting.

Reminder: The date of the April 22nd Committee meeting has been changed to April 29th. Linda will send out a reminder email.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.