

**CITY OF BREWER  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 20, 2013**

Vice Chairman McIntosh called the meeting to order at the Brewer City Hall Council Chambers at 8:08 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	arrived at 8:52
Linda Johns	Present	
D'arcy Main-Boyington	Present	
Janet McIntosh	Present	
Daniel O'Connell	Present	
Bev Uhlenhake	Present	
Andrew Varisco	Present	
Consultant Rich Rothe	Present	

Minutes of the May 13, 2013 Committee meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Public visioning session. Rich emailed Linda updated final draft documents. City staff will post on the city website. The Committee made the following comments:

- A “face-to-face” meeting would still be beneficial besides having the digital information.
- Public input is good and needed.
- Public meetings can be throughout the process. Usually there is one near the beginning and another at the end.
- Public education and input during Brewer Days – can have a table with information and direct people to find information on the city website.
- Perhaps hold an open house in the fall after summer vacations to give a progress report.
- Janet noted that for the 1995 Comp Plan, there were two public meetings.
- Decided to hold an open house soon in order to get comments. A day in June, Monday through Wednesday, time perhaps 5-7 p.m., location at the Brewer Auditorium. Can include a 15 minute presentation along with displayed maps, posters with narratives, and surveys.
- Create a press release and BDN article prior to the open house.
- Can highlight a few areas. Include provisions for people to write down comments.

- Invite and encourage city dept heads to attend.
- Rich and Linda will work on date and materials.
- D'arcy and Nicole will work on media.

Municipal Government Inventory. Rich explained the draft inventory. Some of this information may be moved to other sections of the final document. The Committee made the following comments:

- Boards & Committees – separate elected from appointed and explain difference.
- Elected are HS Trustees and Superintending School.
- Include brief detail on each committee/board.
- Include Ad Hoc Committees with examples, such as Doyle Field Improvement, School Site Location, Vacant School Site Reuse, Brewer Performance Center.
- City Staff Committees – note which are in-house and outside organizations. Move to after depts.
- Add Stream Cleanup Committee, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Wellness Committee.
- No longer Penobscot Landing Advisory Committee.
- Properties – add Chamberlain Freedom Park. Revise ownership of former school sites and Children's Garden. Park with tree next to Rite-Aid?
- Include Performing Arts Center (92 Pendleton St) on facility list.
- Armory should be in first column.
- Add Hatcase Pond and water treatment facility.
- Narrative on school should be revised. Janet will prepare changes and forward to Rich. Sending locations include other towns. What is "private schools"?
- Schools page 4 does not mention ice (papermaking stated twice).
- School challenge – remove first paragraph.
- Separate school from municipal as run separately with a trustee format. The Trustees have 2 elected members. Janet and Dan will revise and forward to Rich.
- Possibly include terms on the Boards and Committees.
- Harbor Master shared with Bangor.

Education Goals, Policies, and Strategies. The Committee made the following comments:

- New goals are needed.
- Marketing of school choice is important, both to encourage sending districts and for people to move to Brewer.
- Bangor has less students and is competing for tuition students.
- Check with Dan on whether Comp Plan used towards grants.
- Delete strategy 1B.
- Keep strategy 1C, but revise to read "Continue to explore alternatives..."
- Clarify that this education section only applies to the public PreK-12 grade. Change title.
- Remove strategy 2B.
- Delete strategy 2C
- Strategy 2D should be "continue to..."
- Add strategy on continuing partnership with Brewer Parks and Rec dept.
- Strategy 3A – School has own reserve account; remove strategies 3A and 3B.

- New strategies: Performing Arts Center for adults and children; include United Technologies Center for juniors and seniors; sports & music; “Community of Caring” program.
- Janet and/or Dan will email Linda with information on the “Community of Caring” program. It has changed over the years.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.