

Meeting of the Hallowell Comprehensive Planning Committee
6pm online meeting via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Maureen Aucoin, John Bastey, Matt Cary, Patrick Cunningham, Deb Fahy (secretary), Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Julie Horn, Andrew Landry (chair), Jeff Levine (consultant), Rosemary Presnar, Matthew Radasch, Nate Rudy (city manager) and Matt Scease.

Members of the Public Present: Ryan Gordon

1. Introductions

2. Housekeeping

This was the first of likely many meetings via Zoom due to social distancing protocol necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic. Nate Rudy started the meeting with an instructional overview on the use of the platform and the first meeting went very well.

3. Public Comment - (none)

4. Outreach Since Last Meeting

Rosemary Presnar reported that she has connected with Chris Mayers Ashe, a member of the RSU2 school board who is also active with Capital Area New Mainers, so he may be a resource for data on Hallowell's population of new Mainers. Rosemary will share a draft of the demographics section with him.

5. Old Business

Review of land Use Draft Section - There was a followup discussion on the Land Use section. Matt Radasch asked about whether the idea of a solar farm should be included in this section since multiple emails and resources have been shared to the group via email and dropbox over the last month. Jeff explained that the Land Use section reflects existing conditions and solar will fit into the next phase on future land use.

6. New Business

Review of Population and Demographics Section - Most of the meeting focused on this section with suggestions and input on data that might be missing or unclear after Jeff Levine gave a summary.

Maureen Aucoin requested some language to acknowledge Hallowell's non-binary population.

Nate requested the language change of "older people" vs. "elderly" as recommended by Hallowell Age-Friendly Committee and AARP.

Deb and or Rosemary will reach out to Maggie Warren as representative of the Hallowell Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to see if they have any data on Hallowellians commuting via cycling.

There was also some discussion of when and how to share drafts with the public. Consensus was to wait until the committee has updated and reviewed them all, but Jeff was clear that "These are all public documents" and that there is no problem with sharing individual drafts with

specific groups with expertise who could help the committee gather key data or fact check information.

Action Items: For meeting on April 16th

1. Upload any further notes, ideas and any relevant documents relating to the Land Use section and/or the Population and Demographic section to the relevant folder in Dropbox by the week before the meeting or email them to Nate Rudy & Drew Landry.
2. The next section to be discussed will be Housing since it is closely connected to Population and Demographics. Jeff will share it when complete via email and dropbox.
3. Brainstorm taglines descriptive of downtown Hallowell to replace "Little City with Big Shoulders" (in Land Use).
4. Review Jeff's draft one page questionnaire and bring your comments and suggestions for discussion.

7. Other Items/Adjournment

The next meeting is 6pm Thursday, April 16th most likely via Zoom. Meetings take place monthly on the 3rd Thursday.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Fahy, Secretary
File location (along with other March meeting materials)