



Comprehensive Plan Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 28th, 2026 – 5:30 PM

Harrison Fire Department – The Community Meeting Room
34 School Street, Harrison, ME 04040

5:30 PM – Call to Order, Attendance, and Pledge of Allegiance

Voting Members present:

Leo Saidnawey
Ron Ward
Wendy Gallant
Kristin Humphrey
Scott Ramsdell (Chair)
Andrea AskenDunn
Al Fitzmorris (alt)
Connie Allen (alt)
Cameron Fernald

Voting Members not present:

Gina Marsters
Bill Winslow

Nonvoting Members present:

Paul Johnson, GPCOG
Shannon Chisholm, GPCOG
John Bellino, Harrison Town Manager
Jaime Dayton

Andrea AskenDunn discusses the magazine she created about Harrison. Copies of the magazine are distributed for Committee Members to review.

Scott Ramsdell called the meeting to order. Those in attendance stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.



5:40 PM – Approval of the Minutes from 1.28.2026

Committee members request edits to the draft January 28th, 2026 meeting minutes. Andrea AskenDunn moves to approve the amended draft meeting minutes. Ron Ward seconds the motion. The amended draft minutes are approved by unanimous vote. The minutes will be edited as requested and forwarded to Harrison town staff so they can be posted on the Town website.

5:45 PM – Objectives for Early 2026

Shannon Chisholm provides an overview of the draft Harrison Comprehensive Plan Timeline and Framework. The stakeholder contact list is discussed in further detail. Wendy Gallant states that she has started a list of Harrison businesses and nonprofits. This list will be shared with the rest of the Committee on Google Drive. Scott Ramsdell and Leo Saidnaway discuss migrating documents from Google Drive to Teams, which will take a few weeks.

Shannon Chisholm and Paul Johnson discuss redlining the 2009 Harrison Comprehensive Plan at the February 11th, 2026 meeting. Committee members will break into self-selected subgroups based on chapters to read and mark-up. Printed copies of the plan will be provided for this exercise. Wendy Gallant, Scott Ramsdell, and Ron Ward ask clarifying questions. Paul Johnson answers these questions.

Shannon Chisholm discusses the first public meeting in March. Andrea AskenDunn asks about the format of the public meetings. Paul Johnson states that the Committee will be given different formatting options and will select from those formats.

6:15 PM – Review Updated Survey Questions

Shannon Chisholm and Paul Johnson discuss updates to the draft survey. A definition for Affordable Housing specific to Harrison is still being drafted.

Committee members discuss question #4. The wording for one of the answer choices will be changed to “Harrison should protect open space for its future” per request. Committee members discuss question #22. The answer choice regarding no cut areas will be removed since the town already does this. The answer choice regarding cluster



and conservation subdivisions will also be removed; this topic may be explored in a workshop later on in the process. Answer choice #2 will be updated to include salt. Answer #6 will be updated to include mention of stream safe crossings; a definition for stream safe crossings will also be added prior to question #22.

Committee members discuss questions #25 and #26. The committee decides to combine these two questions. Question #25 will be updated to allow people to type in how many years they have been a resident, visitor, business owner, ect.

Committee members discuss question #21. “Water Quality in Lakes and Ponds” will be removed as an answer choice as it is too vague. “Limited Public Access to Lakes and Rivers” will be updated to “Public Access to Lakes and Rivers”. “Associated Impacts of Boating Traffic” will be added as an answer choice.

6:40 PM – Announcements & Assignments

Shannon Chisholm and Paul Johnson discussed future presentations and the redlining exercise during the Objectives for Early 2026 agenda item.

6:50 PM – Meeting Review Process

Committee members go around the room and discuss their feelings regarding the meeting process.

7:00 PM – Adjournment

The meeting continues past 7:00 pm. Ron Ward moves to adjourn the meeting. Kristin Humphrey seconds the motion. The motion passes via unanimous vote. The meeting adjourns at approximately 7:13 PM.

Next Scheduled Meeting: *Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 – 5:30 PM in the Fire Station Community Room*

Agenda Highlights:

- LD 1829 Presentation

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- Redline Exercise