

Harrison CPC Minutes of Nov 7, 2025 meeting
Fire Station Community Room

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm

Voting Members present:

Scot Ramsdell

Ron Ward

Leo Saidnawey

Bill Winslow

Kristin Humphrey

Andrea AskenDunn

Cameron Fernald

Nonvoting Members present:

Connie Allen

John Bellino

Larry Farmer

Jaime Dayton

Kim Reynolds

1) **The minutes of Oct 30 were approved** with emendation of adding John Bellino to Nonmembers present.

2) Leo moved to **rescind the vote of Oct 30** recommending Northstar Consulting. (The committee were not comfortable the process that led to that vote.)

Cameron seconded.

In favor: 6

Vote rescinded.

3) Leo moved that we **request the Select Board to to increase the number of** voting members on this committee to 11.

Cameron seconded.

Long discussion ensued: Bill suggested that we just ask for alternates. Pros and cons of each discussed: More members makes the committee feel more inviting to the public, and we will need more members with expected attrition. Fewer members requires a smaller quorum.

Alternates can vote when not all members are present. Otherwise, they can still participate in discussions, and lead subcommittees.

Vote in favor of requesting expansion to 11 members:

In favor: 1

Opposed: 5

4) Bill moved to **request the Select Board to allow up to 4 alternates** (to the committee of 9).

Cameron seconded.

Discussion: Alternates will be at the meeting anyway, so they can just step in if voting member is absent.

In favor: 6

Opposed: 1

→**Scott will make request.**

5) Scott reviewed the “**Rules of Meeting Engagement**,” as set out in the Agenda.

6) Scott presented **Paul’s response about Shannon’s qualifications** to be our liaison from GPCOG. These are posted in our Google Folder, under Bios.)

7) Discussion of **promotion opportunities and materials**. MinuteMan Press in Denmark makes good rigid posters. We have about \$40,000, which we could start spending now. Paul said he could do some pro-bono work because Harrison subscribes to GPCOG. Maybe the chosen consultant can suggest things we can start doing right away. Money request trail >Scott >John.

→ Everyone: Come back with ideas for publicity strategies and props.

8) Kristin facilitated a 3-part **protocol for choosing a consultant**:

- a) Everyone present wrote three top priorities for consultant and eventual plan on sticky notes. These were grouped into categories.
- b) Everyone present marked their 5 highest priorities from among the categories, using stars. The 5 categories receiving the most stars were retained.
- c) Everyone present gave points in each of the 5 categories (totalling 100 per person) to the two contending consultant firms. These were added up and averaged.

The resulting scores (appended to this document) made it very clear which firm we should recommend.

9) Bill moved that we **recommend GPCOG** to be our consultant.

Cameron seconded.

Some discussion about whether we report to the Planning Board or the Select Board, and thus to which one we make our recommendation. →**Scott will clarify this question.** In the mean time, he will recommend to the Select Board, because of timing.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

9) **Future meeting topics** (tabled)

(Suggestions from Andrea:

- Does our liaison with the consultant need to be the committee chair? If not, who might be capable and interested?
- Kristin is our Selectboard Liaison. Seeking confirmation that it is her job to not only report on our progress to the Select Board, but to communicate on our behalf with them.
- We will work together better if we know each other better. Some of us have basically never spoken together.)

Next meeting Wed. Nov. 19, 2025 for confirmation.

10) Bill moved to **adjourn the meeting.**

Kristin seconded.

In favor: 7

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Appendix

Choosing Protocol:

<u>Categories from grouped sticky notes</u>	<u># Stars indicating priorities</u>
Plan will be stay active and have usable actions	12*
Public engagement	11*
Cost	1
Can get passed by the State	2
<u>Meet the time line</u>	<u>5*</u>
Availability of consultant	5*
Accountability of consultant	2
Keep positive relationship with town	2
Keep subcommittees organized	1
<u>Knowledge of best ways to gather info</u>	<u>2</u>
Land use and growth management	9*
Communication skills	3
Open space and Recreation	4

*Categories moving to the next step.

Category averages from voting with 100 points per person:

<u>NorthStar</u>	<u>Averages of points</u>
1) Ensure end document is used (25 points max per person) (specific, tangible goals)	19
2) Public engagement (25 points max per person) (creative, big meetings, well facilitated; support for smaller meetings; feedback sessions; consultant driven survey)	17.1
3) Growth/Land use (20 points max per person) (consultant driven activities to get town feedback)	15.8
4) Meet timeline (15 points max per person) (our deadline is April 2027, which is 15 months from Jan 2026)	12.8
5) Availability and communication (15 max per person) (when our designated liaison reaches out they get a response in a reasonable time period)	13
<u>GPCOG</u>	<u>Averages of points</u>
1) Ensure end document is used (25 points max per person) (specific, tangible goals)	25
2) Public engagement (25 points max per person) (creative, big meetings, well facilitated; support for smaller meetings; feedback sessions; consultant driven survey)	23
3) Growth/Land use (20 points max per person) (consultant driven activities to get town feedback)	18.6
4) Meet timeline (15 points max per person) (our deadline is April 2027, which is 15 months from Jan 2026)	15
5) Availability and communication (15 max per person) (when our designated liaison reaches out they get a response in a reasonable time period)	14.27