



Comprehensive Plan Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 11th, 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:

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

Voting Members not present:

Leo Saidnawey
Bill Winslow

Nonvoting Members present:

Paul Johnson, GPCOG
Shannon Chisholm, GPCOG
John Bellino, Harrison Town Manager
Jim Fahey, Harrison Code Enforcement Officer
Jaime Dayton, Planning Board Member
Larry Farmer, Planning Board Member
Mike Garvey, Select Board Member
Kim Reynolds

Scott Ramsdell calls the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Those in attendance stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

5:40 PM – Approval of the Minutes from 1.28.2026



Wendy Gallant moves to approve the draft meeting minutes. Andrea AskenDunn seconds the motion. The draft minutes are approved by unanimous vote. The approved minutes will be forwarded to Harrison town staff so they can be posted on the Town website.

5:45 PM – Microsoft 365 Discussion

Scott Ramsdell discusses future trainings. GPCOG will be hosting a Microsoft 365 training on February 18th, 2026 at 4:30 pm for the Comprehensive Plan Committee and Harrison town staff. A Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) training will also be scheduled for the Comprehensive Plan Committee on March 3rd, 2026.

John Bellino explains the rationale for adopting Microsoft 365 town wide. Harrison town staff have been experiencing issues with the email system through Blue Host. Converting to Microsoft 365 should resolve these issues but the town budget would need to pass for the switch to occur.

Al Fitzmorris asks if Microsoft 365 works with Outlook. The answer is yes.

Steve Ramsdell discusses the Microsoft 365 Resolution. Andrea asks a clarifying question and then reads the resolution out loud. Jamie Dayton asks an additional clarifying question.

Wendy Gallant makes a motion to adopt the resolution. Kristin Humphrey seconds the motion. The motion passes with a 7 to 1 vote.

6:00 PM – LD 1829 Presentation

Introductions are completed prior to the LD 1829 Presentation.

Shannon Chisholm provides a presentation on LD 1829 and discusses how this legislation could impact Harrison's Comprehensive Planning process.

Several clarifying questions are asked during and after the presentation. Shannon Chisholm and Paul Johnson take turns addressing these questions.



LD 2173 is also discussed. This is a bill currently being discussed by the Maine Legislature that could alter LD 1829 slightly. An additional presentation may be warranted if LD 2173 is passed.

6:20 PM - Announcements & Assignments

This topic was discussed out of turn per request of the Chair.

Comprehensive Plan Committee members discuss potential dates for the first workshop. Andrea AskenDunn states that March 28th, 2026 is the Energy Fair in Harrison, Maine. The first week of April is ruled out due to the Easter Holiday. Saturday, April 11, 2026, is chosen as the preferred date for the workshop.

6:45 PM – Redline Exercise

Paul Johnson introduces the redline exercise. Comprehensive Plan Committee members select chapters from the 2009 Harrison Comprehensive Plan to read. The exercise will be completed as homework due to a lack of time.

6:50 PM – Meeting Review Process

This agenda item is tabled due to a lack of time.

7:00 PM – Adjournment

The meeting continues past 7:00 pm. Andrea AskenDunn moves to adjourn the meeting. Kristin Humphrey seconds the motion. The motion passes via unanimous vote. The meeting adjourns at approximately 7:06 PM.

Next Scheduled Meeting: *Wednesday, February 25th, 2026 – 5:30 PM in the Fire Station Community Room*

Agenda Highlights:

- Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Presentation
- First Public Workshop Discussion

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