



Comprehensive Plan Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 14th, 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

Bill Winslow

Kristin Humphrey

Scott Ramsdell (Chair)

Connie Allen (alt)

Cameron Fernald

Andrea AskenDunn

Al Fitzmorris (alt)

Voting Members not present:

Gina Marsters

Wendy Gallant

Nonvoting Members present:

Paul Johnson, GPCOG

Shannon Chisholm, GPCOG

John Bellino, Harrison Town Manager

Kim Reynolds

Jaime Dayton

Scott Ramsdell called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Those in attendance stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

5:40 PM – Approval of the Minutes from 12.16.2025

Committee members request edits to the draft December 16th, 2025 meeting minutes. Bill Winslow moves to approve the amended draft meeting minutes. Leo Saidnawey



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 – Collaboration Hub

Leo Saidnaway provides an overview of Microsoft Teams. This platform will be used for online collaboration. Andrea AskenDunn asks questions, which either Leo Saidnaway or Scott Ramsdell answer. Peer-to-peer support will be available to those who need it.

6:00 PM – Social Media Best Practices

Kristin Humphrey provides an overview of the town of Harrison's social media policy. When the town posts on its social media accounts, it does not enable comments. Comments must be archived to meet the requirements of the Freedom of Access Act (FOAA). Kristin Humphrey and Scott Ramsdell encourage all members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to take an FOAA training, through the Maine Municipal Association.

If a committee member posts about the comprehensive plan on their private social media account, that committee member should include a disclaimer in the post. The disclaimer should state that the opinions expressed within the post are the committee member's own opinions and do not necessarily reflect those of the committee or town. Committee members are also discouraged from commenting on each other's posts as this may be interpreted as an informal meeting.

6:10 PM – Review Draft Survey Questions

Shannon Chisholm and Paul Johnson provide an overview of the draft survey questions. Kristin Humphrey and other committee members request that the demographic questions be moved to the end of the survey.

The committee works through each survey question and requests changes. Three questions are removed per the committee's request. Additional questions about affordable housing, types of lodging accommodations, and recreational opportunities



are added. The committee also requests that definitions for open space, rural character, and affordable housing be added to the survey.

Shannon Chisholm states that the requested updates will be made and a new draft will be sent to the committee. The committee did not come to a consensus on two questions. Committee members will review these questions on their own time and provide suggestions at the next meeting.

6:30 PM – Objectives for Early 2026

This item was tabled due to lack of time.

6:45 PM – Meeting Review Process

This item was tabled due to lack of time.

7:00 PM – Adjournment

The meeting continued past 7:00 pm. Bill Winslow moves to adjourn the meeting. Ron Ward seconds the motion. The motion passes via unanimous vote. The meeting adjourns at approximately 7:34 PM.

Next Scheduled Meeting: *Wednesday, January 28th, 2026 – 5:30 PM in the Fire Station Community Room*

Agenda Highlights:

- Objectives for Early 2026
- Review Updated Survey Questions