

**CASTINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Chairman Vogell. Also present were members Cass, Corbett, Gregorie, Loustaunau, Mass, Parish, Parsons, and Wylie. Also Manager Abernethy, Consultant Martin, and Jon Thomas of the Penobscot Bay Press.

1. The minutes of the meeting of August 9 were approved, with one correction.
2. Mr. Martin introduced Mr. Phil Carey, Senior Planner from the State of Maine's Planning Office.

Mr. Carey then offered a series of observations dealing with the comprehensive planning process.

The Committee is essentially committed to following the 10 goals established by the state's Growth Management Act (GMA).

Castine falls into the group of towns that are required to submit a Comprehensive Plan.

We should take advantage of the "Community Visioning Handbook"

The Plan should follow the template established by the GMA.

The State Planning Office is in the process of revising its criteria for Comprehensive Plans, but Mr. Carey did not anticipate any problems.

Public participation in the creation of a Comprehensive Plan is essential to its success.

A Q and A session then followed, in which questions were asked concerning, among other things, the degree of flexibility of our plan under the GMA guidelines, the meaning and implications of the term "sprawl," the concept of the "Great American Neighborhood" and its implications for Castine, and the difference between "growth" and "rural" areas.

3. Mr. Gregorie distributed and discussed his subcommittee's summary of the 26 responses thus far to the Committee's preliminary survey. It was agreed that the responses conformed pretty much to the Committee's "Vision Statement," but that strategies needed to be devised to increase responses to the survey.
4. Ms. Parish expressed her concern that time would not permit enough discussion of planning for the first "Outreach Session", tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 12. It was agreed that the next Committee meeting would start at 4:00, October 11, to allow ample time for this. In the meantime, Ms. Parish's

subcommittee will provide suggestions as to the format of the November meeting, the exact time to be determined by the New England Patriots' game. (*Secretary's note: They play the Jets at 1 pm.*)

5. The Committee adjourned at 6:17.