

**CASTINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2007  
MINUTES**

Present: Members Cass, Gregorie (by conference telephone), Mass (Acting Secretary), Parish, Vogell (Chairman) and Wylie, and Town Manager Dale Abernethy

Absent: Members Corbett, Loustaunau and Parsons

Guests: Jonathan Thomas, Penobscot Bay Press

1. Chairman Vogell called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm., with Mr. Gregorie participating by conference telephone from an undisclosed location. The Chairman requested that, in the absence of Mr. Parsons, Ms. Mass serve as Acting Secretary.
2. The minutes of the meeting of January 10 were unanimously approved as distributed.
3. Discussion ensued regarding the February 4 community outreach meeting: (a) Ms. Mass noted that she had matched the top-line categories on the final list developed at the meeting with the draft vision statement prepared by the Committee. She found that the top-line categories matched extremely well with the four general areas included in the mission statement, viz. year-round thriving community, village character, heritage and natural beauty. Mr. Wylie agreed to take the annotated listing of Ms. Mass and prepare an on-line copy for review by the Committee. (b) The Committee discussed how to deal with continued input regarding issues and proposed solutions. It was agreed that Committee members would encourage anyone making a verbal comment to put their thoughts in writing to the Committee. The goal is to encourage written comments without putting people off from commenting. Ms. Parish agreed to collect emails received thus far and develop top-line categories for the issues/solutions. (c) The Committee discussed the turnout at the community meeting. Mr. Wylie noted that the tone at both meetings was extremely positive, with people eager to participate in the comprehensive planning process without acrimony. Ms. Mass noted that the same people came to both meetings, with the majority over 60 years of age. The Committee agreed that it is not reaching everyone and to discuss holding meetings with special groups (i.e., merchants, school board, parents of school-age children) in the future.
4. The Committee discussed the proposed schedule of meetings prepared by Consultant Tom Martin, HCPC. Following discussion, it was agreed to re-schedule the discussion of chapters dealing with Transportation and Community Facilities and other short chapters to the March meeting following the 45 minute Habitat presentation. It was further agreed to begin the March meeting at 3:30. The Chairman will communicate these changes to Mr. Martin.

As previously agreed, the April meeting will be dedicated to a discussion of Housing. Ms. Parish proposed moving the date of the April meeting from April 11 to April 18 (neither Ms. Parish, nor Mr. Gregorie will be available on April 11.) No action was taken. It was agreed that a meeting with the Merchants' Association should take place prior to Memorial Day.

Mr. Abernethy agreed to distribute to the Committee a list of all draft chapters received to date from Mr. Martin.

5. There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:40 pm.