

**CASTINE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2007
MINUTES**

Members Present: Corbett, Loustaunau, Mass, Parsons, Vogell, Wylie
Also Supervisor Abernethy, Consultant Martin
Guests: Steve Walker, Bethany Atkins, Jonathan Thomas

1. Chairman Vogell called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm
2. Mr. Steve Walker and Ms. Bethany Atkins of the Habitat Consortium presented a 45-minute account of some of the issues facing development from the standpoint of habitat preservation. Citing the recent Brookings Report, Mr. Walker suggested that habitat loss is the main threat to the preservation of Maine's rural character. He supported this with numerous examples, accompanied by a variety of maps and suggestions for comprehensive planning. The maps are available for the use of this and other Committees.
3. Following the presentation, the Committee studied the maps and overlays brought by Mr. Walker and Ms. Atkins.
4. The minutes of the last meeting (February 21, 2007), assiduously prepared by Ms. Mass, were unanimously approved.
5. Ms. Corbett submitted a request for re-imburement of expenses incurred connected with Committee publicity in connection with recent Community Visioning Meetings.
6. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a review of a draft of Section D of the proposed Plan, dealing with transportation. Suggestions included, but were not limited to:
 - a. concerns over the potential dangers posed by the new design of the Rte 166/166a split
 - b. improper banking on parts of Rtes.166 and 166a
 - c. excessive speeding in the Town
 - d. the need for a comprehensive long-range plan for both maintenance and repair of Town streets
 - e. the need to revisit plans for upgrading the Town's sidewalks
 - f. ways to deal with increased parking in the Town, particularly on Tuesday and Thursdays when the Academy is in session, and during the summer generally

- g. the potential for golf carts, bicycles, and shuttle vans as a means of alleviating some of the above problems.
- 5. It was decided to keep to the regularly scheduled meeting dates for the foreseeable future. The next meeting will be at 4:00 pm, Wednesday, April 11. (Unless we change our minds.)
- 6. The Committee adjourned at 6:15 pm.

L.H. Parsons, Secretary.