

**CASTINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE
MINUTES: MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2006**

Present: Corbett, Mass, Parish, Parsons, Vogell, Wylie
Also: Manager Abernethy, Consultant Martin

1. Chairman Vogell called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.
2. The minutes of the meeting of November 8 were approved as sent.
3. There was extended discussion of the results of the outreach meeting of November 19. We all thought it went very well.

Concern was expressed that the local business community may have been under-represented. Chairman Vogell agreed to contact the leadership of the Merchants' Association with the intent to set up a meeting with them.

There was general agreement that the preferences listed at the outreach meeting regarding "Community Character" and "Physical and Beauty Features" could be the basis for the priorities established in the final Comprehensive Plan.

4. Review of the Initial Draft of the Comprehensive Plan: Inventory and Analysis.

Serious questions were raised regarding the impact of the MMA on the census figures, especially the stated median age (Castine is one of the *youngest* towns in Hancock County?).

Figures on employment and population growth were also challenged. Consultant Martin agreed to review them.

It was agreed that the final version of the Plan should include an "Executive Summary" that would highlight the main points, and where possible present statistics in the form of graphs or other easily readable formats.

Chairman Vogell noted that the progress of the discussion was such that the agenda could not possibly be completed by the time of adjournment. It was agreed to defer further consideration of the Inventory and Analysis until the next meeting (January 10). This in turn led to a decision to postpone the next outreach meeting until February.

Ms. Parish agreed to research the capacity of the local inns, and to determine the approximate number of inhabitants at the summer MMA conferences.

Mr. Wylie agreed to compile a list of the local business establishments, as well as design appropriate formats for the statistical materials in the final Plan.

Mr. Abernethy agreed to complete compilation of data from the local government agencies, especially the school system.

5. It was agreed to list Mr. Steven Walk and Ms. Barbara Peppey as guest speakers for the meeting of February 14.
6. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.