

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2006

Present: Abernethy, Cass, Corbett, Gregorie, Loustaunau, Mass, Martin, Parish, Parsons, Vogell, Wylie

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vogell at 3:03 pm.
2. The minutes for the meeting of July 12 were approved, with minor corrections. Ms. Mass wished to be recorded as abstaining last month on approval of the minutes for June 14, since she was not at that meeting. By the same logic, Mr. Parsons abstained from to vote on approving the minutes of the July 12 meeting.
3. Extensive discussion followed on the wording and nature of the "Vision Statement." It was agreed that it should be "short and memorable." After contemplating the meaning and effect of words like "protect," "preserve," "thriving," "heritage," controlled," "managed," "age-diversity," etc., the Committee voted without dissent to adopt the following thirteen-word vision of the Town of Castine:

"A year-round thriving community that values our heritage, village character, and natural beauty."
4. Discussion followed regarding the best means to publicize the Vision Statement, as well as the compilation of the results of the initial survey distributed last month. The original survey committee (Gregorie, Cass, Loustaunau) will devise and implement strategies for this.
5. It was agreed to invite Mr. Phil Carey to speak at next month's meeting, and Mr. Steve Walker to the November meeting.
6. A sub-committee (Parish, Corbett, Wylie) was designated to devise strategies for community "outreach meetings," to be held later in the year, or next year. They will report at the September meeting.
7. Mr. Abernethy will send out survey materials to the various Town Departments.
8. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.