

**CASTINE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MAY 9, 2007  
MINUTES**

Members present: Vogell (Chairman), Corbett, Mass (Acting Secretary), Parish and Wylie

Members absent: Cass, Gregorie, Loustaunau and Parsons

Also present: Dale Abernethy, Town Manager, Thomas Martin, HCPC, Jonathan Thomas, Penobscot Bay Press, Susie Loustaunau, Captain Andy Chase and Christopher Moore, MMA student

1. The meeting commenced at 4:00 pm in the Observatory at Maine Maritime Academy with a presentation by Captain Andy Chase with respect to light pollution in Castine. Capt. Chase showed clearly how exterior lighting in Castine significantly decreases the ability to view even the major constellations.
2. Following the star presentation, Chairman Vogell reconvened the meeting at 4:45 pm in a classroom at MMA. In response to a question from Mr. Wylie, Mr. Martin noted that the topic of light pollution would be addressed in the Land Use chapter. Mr. Martin further commented that a lot can be done to manage light pollution and that the HCPC is preparing a "lighting manual" that will be made available to the Committee.
3. The Minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2007 were approved as distributed.
4. The Committee then continued its discussion of the proposed draft of the Housing chapter.

Because of the difficulty the Committee members had squaring the data compiled by the 2000 U.S. Census with their own information and local knowledge (see discussion of this issue in the April 11, 2007 minutes), the Committee agreed that it would be useful to review the 1995 Town Report and count the number of properties that were for "year-round use vs. seasonal use" and include side-by-side charts of census data and data compiled using local knowledge.

5. Mr. Martin noted that he is awaiting updated information from the Town regarding the Marine Resources chapter (Harbor Committee is reviewing) and the Land Use chapter (Mr. Abernethy is supplying updated data).
6. Mr. Martin noted that 54% of the \$20,000 budget has been drawn as of April 30, 2007, with approximately \$9400 remaining available. Because a significant amount of money will be used preparing the "Recommendations" section of the Plan, Mr. Martin suggested that it may be advisable to request approval of additional funds at the 2008 Town Meeting.
7. The Committee then discussed the Recreation chapter. Mr. Abernethy agreed to update the data in Chart F.1 and email it to Mr. Martin. Mr. Abernethy will also update the amount of acreage covered by conservation easements for the Land Use chapter. Mr. Martin recommended leaving the discussion of the need for an ice rink in the Plan because it would make it easier to request grant money for future construction if the Town decides to pursue that project. With respect to "open space", Mr. Martin noted that open space could be set aside for affordable housing.
8. It was agreed that Mr. Martin should request written materials from Ms. Barbara Peppy of the Healthy Blue Hill Peninsula rather than have an in-person presentation.
9. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.