

Town of Belgrade
Comprehensive Plan Review Committee
Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2024

Meeting Convened at 5:30 pm/Adjourned at 6:30

Members in attendance: Anthony Wilson, Dan Ceglinski, Pat Donahue, Kimberly Dallas - Zoom, Joy Intriago - Zoom

Additional attendees: Grainnie Shaw - KVCOG, Lorna Dee Nichols - Belgrade Town Manager, Barbara Allen - Belgrade Select Board Member, Carol Johnson - Belgrade Select Board Member, Dianne Dowd - Belgrade Historical Society

General Discussion: The chapters on #4 Historic and Cultural Resource's and #10 Economic Development prepared by KVCOG were presented by Grainnie Shaw of KVCOG for the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, Belgrade Selectboard Chairperson and Belgrades Town Managers review and input.

Belgrade has an active Historical Society that strives to preserve the town's valued heritage. The Policy/Strategic sections in the Comprehensive plan are guidelines for the town. It was agreed that the town manager determine the time frame for their completion, which can also include additional elements not in the 2014 plan. Recommend developing a map for the towns designated historical sites. The towns Historical Society has an ongoing strategy to promote history and cultural events. The Survey of Historic House/cellar holes and historic areas is in progress. The restoration of the Old Town Meeting House is complete and the care of 3-4 small cemeteries continues.

Work has not started on developing a Historic Preservation Ordinance and to identify Belgrade Lakes Village as an Historic District. While it is important not to lose the historic character of the town this item requires many facets of the town beyond BHS. Recommend working with the Planning Board, SelectBoard, KVCG, BHS to determine what and why a property is historic. Should only effect designated homes or structures. Renovation work could also take into account Historical properties.

The Town, Parks and Recreation Dept is working with Belgrade Historical Society on programs included Quilting displays -craft fairs, Book events, hosting seasonal plays and summer events on the Village Green.

Chapter 10 : Economic Development recommendations

Prohibit new manufacturing and large scale commercial in rural areas. Allow for expansion of existing manufacturing facilities: Not Started, was to be accomplished in a land- use ordinance that has not been initiated. This would need a zoning ordinance that the Town does not have.

Planning Board has new standards in Commercial Development that ensure that new commercial developments are attractive, well landscaped and maintain adequate vegetative buffers from public roads and abutting properties . Selectboard has not initiated a land use ordinance for smaller developments that don't trigger the CDRO. Recommend explore land use ordinances that would cover small scale development that are not in the Commercial Development Review Ordinance. Reviewed items 10-5, through 10-8 no changes. Consider participating in regional Economic Development initiatives Mid Maine Chamber of Commerce, Maine Tourism.

Approved Jan 10, 2024 minutes