

Notes: September 16th, 2020 – Belgrade Comprehensive Plan Implementation Oversight Committee Meeting.

- 12-1 – It was noted the town should get the information of farm practices and conservation planning, open space, and tree growth tax laws on the town website – Town Manager duty
- Pat Donahue mentioned Governor Mills announced on July 14th, the bond for Connect ME Authority to provide funding for high-speed internet infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas for broad band passed. It was mentioned the Selectpersons and the Town Manager should explore how to bring it into our area.
- 12-3 – George noted the Planning Board is still working on a definition of “cluster development” in relation to adhering to the preservation of forested land and open space. Amendments to performance standards for subdivisions is ongoing and KVCOG is helping in this area.
- 12-5 – There was some discussion about the education of landowners and water quality as well as forestry practices and how the town could assist in educating residents. There was a question about whether the town had a forest management plan. It was noted there was a plan for the Transfer Station; the recreation dept. was delegated to oversee the plan. Kathi Wall will get in touch with Linda Bacon to see what the plan is.
- 12-6 – George noted in 2011 the town opted out of timber harvesting in the shoreland zone. He further noted that not all perennial streams are covered by the shoreland zoning, only tributaries and up to the first fork. There were some questions as to whether the CEO follows up with any of the timber harvests in Belgrade. George will speak with the CEO.
- 12-8 – Permitting of land use activities – George noted that the roadside stands listed were exempt from the Commercial Development Review Ordinance. They do not have a committee or Board of people to oversee all the activities taking place, such as greenhouses, sawmills, etc.
- George to contact the Town Manager to schedule meeting with Selectpersons to bring them up to date on the committees findings.