

## **Meeting Notes**

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 15, 2021

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Belgrade Town Office

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Attending: Kathi Wall (via Zoom), Pat Donahue, Mary Vogel and George Seel.

Topics discussed:

1. Annual report presentation to Select Board follow-up. Had brief discussion of effectiveness of annual report presentation and likelihood Select Board will implement any of our recommendations. Concluded the presentation was clear and provided the information needed by the Select Board to start the process of addressing the problems identified. The lack of any code enforcement record keeping seemed to get the most traction with Board members. Mary raised the question of whether implementation of any of this year's recommendations require a budget line item to implement. We concluded they did not other than a small amount of existing staff time, especially by the CEO and Town manager. Whether the Select Board follows through on the report's recommendations, only time will tell.
2. Identify surface water quality recommendations found throughout Plan. Clarified that the focus of the Committee's next task will be to review the implementation status of the Plan's recommendations specific to the protection of surface water quality. A comprehensive approach will be taken, first by compiling all the recommendations relating to lake and surface water protection found in the Water Resources chapter and all other of the Plan's chapters. A watershed approach will be taken rather than just focusing on the immediate lake shore areas. George will draft such a table for discussion and finalization at the October meeting. The Committee will start the process of updating its prior reviews of progress thereafter. Kathi suggested that the finalized table be shared with the Lakes Committee and Planning Board, as well as the 7 Lakes Alliance and the various lake associations that will be participating in future joint meetings with the Town to present and discuss watershed management recommendations for the various Belgrade Lakes. Discussed how recommendations of the Plan related to code enforcement and improving compliance with Belgrade's land use ordinances are critical since if ordinances are not widely implemented, they become irrelevant.

3. At the Town manager's request, we discussed the best times for meetings between the Town's Planning Board, Lakes Committee and our committee and the 7 Lakes Alliance and lake associations for presentations of the findings and recommendations of the various lake watershed management plans. Although everyone's busy schedules will make it not possible to select specific dates where all can attend, it was decided that the last two weeks of October and the first two weeks of November worked best absent evenings with Town committee meetings scheduled. The availability and calendar of the presenters is probably the most important factor. George quipped that opening day of deer hunting season should be avoided when most of the Planning Board will be unavailable.
4. Next meeting – October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6pm Town Office and via Zoom to accommodate Kathi and anyone else at high risk of COVID 19 infection.
5. Adjourn

Respectively submitted,

George Seel