

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BELGRADE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Oversight Committee

May 2019

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Oversight Committee tracks the Town's progress toward implementing the recommendations of Belgrade Comprehensive Plan, approved by the voters in 2014. The Committee is responsible for presenting to the Selectboard its findings and to make recommendations on how best to implement the plan. Actual implementation of most of the plan's recommendations falls to various existing town committees, boards and officials with responsibility for those subject areas. The Committee has been coordinating with these other Town committees and officials to assess progress. Each year, a report is submitted to the Board of Selectpersons with findings and recommendations for needed actions.

In 2019, the Committee met six times, focusing on the implementation status of the Comprehensive Plan's recommendations regarding the Town's economy and economic development, housing, and growth and development. Review of the Town's progress implementing the growth and development recommendations will continue into 2020. Thus far, the implementation status of the plan's recommendations for natural resources, water quality, historic resources, parks and recreation, economic development and housing has been reviewed at least once. In some cases, more follow-up will be needed to assure continued progress. The implementation status of recommendations regarding forestry and agriculture, transportation systems, public services and capital investment has yet to be reviewed. The Committee's detailed findings to date are summarized in a spreadsheet that is available on the Committee's page on the Town website at townofbelgrade.com. Also available on the site are the Comprehensive Plan and our 2019 annual report to the Selectboard. This report was presented to the Selectboard at its May 21 meeting. Key recommendations of that report included:

1. The Planning Board should proceed with the recommended update of the Town's 30-year-old subdivision ordinance.
2. The Selectboard should discuss and develop an action plan how to implement the Comprehensive Plan's recommendation for the development of a comprehensive land use ordinance to bring to the voters.

3. The Selectboard and Town Manager should review the implementation plan found in Chapter 16 of the Comprehensive Plan, identifying those recommendations that are the Board and Manager's responsibility to implement.

The committee was established to consist of up to seven members. Through most of 2019, the committee consisted of only three members. In December, the Selectboard appointed a fourth member. The committee continues to seek new members. If you are interested in volunteering your time toward bettering the future of Belgrade by serving on this committee, please contact the Town Manager.

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