

# Swan's Island Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes

February 21, 2018

The Swan's Island Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting began at 6PM. The following members were in attendance:

Sonja Philbrook, Bill Banks, Myron Sprague, Jr., Keith Harriton, Dexter Lee, Donna Wieggle and Sue Estler. Christal Applin attended by phone. Sarah Lane was not in attendance. Members of the public in attendance included Carol Loehr, Carroll Staples, Barbara Booth and Island Institute Fellow Stevie Kowalczyk.

Minutes from the committee's previous meeting held on January 16, 2018 were read by secretary Donna Wieggle. Dexter Lee made a motion to approve. Sonny Sprague seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Sonja acknowledged the members of the public that were in attendance, welcoming them and asking them about their interest in attending the meeting.

A review of a "brainstorming" exercise done at the committee's previous meeting took place. The following questions were answered during the January 16 meeting:

1. What would you like to see on Swan's Island in 5 to 10 years?
2. What works well in our community now?
3. What doesn't work well?
4. What's missing in our community?

Two additional questions were presented after the discussion concluded on the four questions from the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The following questions were presented to the group:

5. What don't you want for Swan's Island?
6. Why do you live on Swan's Island?

Sonja collected the written answers and shared the responses with the committee and the guests present at the meeting.

A discussion resulting in a list of the different groups, boards, and committees on the island took place. The purpose was to create a list of the various groups and their meeting times and places so that comp plan committee members can meet with them to invite feedback on what they envision Swan's Island's future to look like. These meetings will take place over the spring and summer months in the hopes of meeting with as many residents as possible, both year-round and seasonal. The goal is to give everyone an opportunity to participate and have their voice reflected in the final comprehensive plan.

A discussion on the desire to have a handout prepared to use for the small focus group meetings and for distribution at Town Meeting on Monday, March 5. Keith Harriton and Sue Estler volunteered to work on the handout. Donna Wieggle volunteered to print copies for Town Meeting. A discussion on what to include in the handout took place. Committee members thought the information should include:

- Why a comp plan is needed?
- Projected end date
- The 13 parts of the plan
- Methods of gathering data
- Contact information for all committee members

Sonja shared that Ann Krieg has been hired as a replacement for Tom Martin at the Hancock County Planning Commission. Sonja will be talking with Ann about our project. Sonja, Keith Harriton and Sue Estler are going to look into costs associated with hiring a consultant and professional writer to work on the plan.

Next item on the agenda was to talk about the community vision meetings. This discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

The next Comp Plan Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 at 6PM at the Town Office. Bill Banks made a motion to adjourn. Sonny Sprague seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Wiegler, Secretary