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LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
August 11, 2021

16 Jan Sebastian Drive, Sandwich

Present: Jonathan Fitch, Roy Anderson, David Darling; Lisa Hassler

Staff: Ralph Vitacco, Director of Planning and Development; Leanne Drake, Town Planner

Committee did not have a quorum at 5p.m. Committee members started a working meeting.

Mr. Vitacco opens the conversation to the committee, he wants to continue with the process of moving forward in the right direction. Mr. Vitacco then follows that statement by asking the following question, how are we going to structure public outreach workshops? Mr. Vitacco then informs the committee that the Cape Cod Commission is coming to the next meeting. He explains to the members that he would like the committee to start to thinking about what they want from the Cape Cod Commission. How are we going to structure public outreach meeting? Mr. Fitch then asks the following question; at this point in the process are we looking into more detailed ideas? Mr. Vitacco response to Mr. Fitch let's just keep it general for now. The group then moves on to talking about how the committee is going to get to their end result. Should we get more town information first or go to the experts and learn more information on certain topics in discussion and then see what the general public will support. Mr. Darling then expresses to the group a new issue 'awkward dealing with the harder governmental entities" Mr. Darling believes this is a huge issue due to the fact we struggle with communication with the Army Corp of Engineers. Mr. Anderson agrees with Mr. Darling that there are some areas the town wants to develop that the Army Corp of Engineers are critical pieces in the decision making process. Mr. Anderson asks how can we go about dealing with the Army Corp of Engineers because they are very relevant and should be a part of the process? However, Mr. Anderson did not agree with Mr. Darling fully that this should be considered as a huge issue of concern. Due to the fact the Army Corp of Engineers are only involved in 2-3 areas of the whole report. Mr. Darling responded back well how are we going to deal with the Cape Cod Commission, the Commonwealth, Army Corp of Engineers and all the different state agencies that can get in our way. Both Mr. Fitch and Mr. Anderson agree with Mr. Darling. Mr. Anderson expresses to the group who are the discussion makers and people we need to work with to get this accomplished. How do we come up with different strategies that will work? Mr. Vitacco beings talking to the committee about the development of the marina and laying out a path of success working with the Power Plant, Army Corp of Engineers and people currently located in that space. The group agrees working with the Army Corp of Engineers is only beneficial. Mr. Fitch and Mr. Darling both express that there should be a ferry service at the Marina. Mr. Darling switches the topic of interest to the way the town is marketed and preserved from the general people. Mr. Darling and Mr. Anderson both agree on the fact "The oldest town on Cape Cod" Sandwich uses has to go and that there are better ways to market the town. Mr. Anderson expresses concern that how Sandwich is presented online is not good. Mr. Anderson asks what is the bigger picture here how can we market the town better.

Vice-chair Lisa Hassler arrives at 5:30pm, meeting called to order.





Ms. Hassler moved the minutes to next meeting due to the fact there are not enough people present to vote. Mr. Fitch did not feel comfortable voting for the reason of not being present for the whole meeting. In addition, Mr. Darling did not feel comfortable voting because he was not present at any part of that particular meeting. Mr. Vitacco switches gears and starts talking about the first public outreach meeting happening October 4th. How are we going to make each meeting engaging and different with activates? How can we make the most of each and every meeting gaining as much knowledge as possible? The idea of providing fact sheets to the public about the meeting topics was brought to the table. This was agreed upon with the whole group that it is a great way to educate the public on the meeting topics. The group agree upon starting with the topic of Natural Resources due to the fact it was considered highly import to the survey takers. Mr. Vitacco expresses to the committee that he agrees with their decision that the first meeting topic should be Natural Resources and that it can help contribute to building up other topics of interest.

Ms. Hassler motions to adjourn, Ms. Fitch seconds; all approve 4-0-0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lexie Sangeleer', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lexie Sangeleer, Planning Intern