



Long Range Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC+)

Thursday, June 23, 2011 Minutes

Attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Rebecca Casey	-	Bud French	√	Hugh Coxe	√
Paul Bergkamp	√	Kurt Klebe	-	Jim Thibodeau	-
Steve Hendry	-	Sandra Lipsey	-	Julie Motherwell	-
Rachel Reed	√	Sam Rudman	√	Steve Walker	√
Claudia King	√				

Council Liaison: -
Staff present: Theo Holtwijk
Others present: -

The meeting was called to order by Sam at 7:06 PM.

1. Survey Update

Theo reported the most recent survey count numbers and mentioned that an article on the survey was forthcoming in the Portland Press Herald. He passed around bookmarks and survey flyers for committee members to distribute. It was reported that Sandra did a super job at promoting the survey at the Volunteer Recognition Banquet. The group discussed various conversations that people had had with members of the public about the survey. One week remains on getting surveys completed. The goal is to reach 1000 completed surveys.

2. Review of Draft Minutes of June 9, 2011

The group unanimously voted to approve the draft Minutes of June 9, 2011.

3. Subcommittee Discussions

The group discussed the proposed approach for the work by the subcommittees. Sam suggested that each subcommittee take an easy topic of their research topic, and review the 2000 Implementation Strategy for that topic as well as the 2000 Goals/Policies chart that was prepared for the State Planning Office. The action chart may be most useful, as it contains specific actions. The objective is to write a brief updated narrative addressing if anything has changed from the previous narrative. The SPO guidance document contains suggested questions for each topic and these may help to stimulate further thinking on each topic. The

topic's source materials and other studies may also be helpful. The second task is to review the 2000 Goals document and write proposed objectives for the new plan.

Sam took as example marine resources. There appears to be less pressure on these resources, perhaps due to the economy. Staff could also provide trend data, where applicable. Sam mentioned a recent news article that noted the increase in baby boomers. He wondered what that meant for Falmouth.

Theo suggested that the subcommittees not concern themselves with the exact wording of the narrative statements, but to get the big ideas down on paper. Paul suggested wording that would give an indication what Falmouth wanted to be in 10 years. Sam suggested taking a topic for which no survey questions were being asked. Trying that out would give each group a chance to test the proposed method. Sam said that this may reveal a need for more data, data that may or may not exist.

Paul suggested that the subcommittees leverage the work done by other committees, such as the Harbor Committee. Sam acknowledged that the group had not yet consulted with all relevant Town committees for their work. This was important for getting buy-in from those committees.

Claudia asked about the Open Space topic. Rachel noted that there had been some discussion about the land trust managing Town-owned open space and the subcommittee should get in touch with the land trust about that.

There was an agreement that subcommittees should tackle the low hanging fruit and leave more complicated topics until later. It seemed that historic, cultural and archaeological resources and agriculture and forestry may make good initial topics.

Sam suggested that the two groups that were meeting later send their reports to Theo by next Wednesday and that Theo should send a message to him and Rachel if that had not happened yet.

4. Next Meeting

The committee will meet again on July 14th. Theo mentioned that he will be out that day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Afterwards, two of the three subcommittees met to discuss recommendations for marine resources and agriculture/forestry.

Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, June 29, 2011