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Dear Mr. Schaub & Mr. Boothby:

Thank you for submitting the 2008 Town of Livermore Comprehensive Plan to the State Planning Office (Office) for review for consistency with the Maine Growth Management Act (M.R.S.A. 30-A §4312 et seq - the Act). The Town and the Comprehensive Planning Committee are to be congratulated for all of the hard work that went into producing the Plan, and for its time and monetary commitment necessary to complete this Plan.

The Office has completed our review of your Plan for consistency with the Act using the “old” Comprehensive Planning Criteria Rule (Chapter 202), per the request of the Town. We are pleased to inform you that the State Planning Office finds the Town of Livermore Comprehensive Plan (Adopted version June 12, 2008) to be *consistent* with the Act and Rule.

These finding consist of three sections:

1. The first provides the State Planning Office’s (SPO) general Conclusions about the Plan, indicating overall strengths and weaknesses.
2. The second section provides Suggestions for how the Town might modify the Plan or issues it might explore to improve or strengthen the Plan to better meet State and Local goals.
3. The third section identifies Other Agency Comments that have been received from State agencies, regional councils, or other interested parties (attached and printed on blue paper). As with the Suggestions from our office, incorporation of the Agency Comments are not necessary in order for the Plan to be found consistent, however they point up areas where the town might strengthen sections of the Plan to better address agency interest and goals.

## **SECTION I – CONCLUSIONS**

The Comprehensive Planning Committee clearly gathered and considered a good deal of information, and the Plan is well-written. The Committee has prepared a very thorough plan and it should be noted that State Agency comments (attached on blue paper) all take note of the quality

of the plan. The plan has excellent strategies to protect critical natural resources. The community has also outlined an admirable process to evaluate many aspects of the plan including the evaluation process outlined on page 52;

- “the degree to which future land use strategies have been implemented”,
- “percent of municipal growth-related capital investments in growth areas”,
- “location of new development in relation to the community’s designated growth areas, rural areas, and critical resources areas”,
- “the amount of critical resource areas protected through acquisition, easements, or other measures”

## **SECTION II – SUGGESIONS**

Although not necessary for consistency with the Act, some constructive comments that would help strengthen your Plan are outlined below. Please let me know if you would like any additional information or suggestions.

1. Update and be sure to include all Beginning with Habitat and Maine Natural Areas Program data. As noted in the letter from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (blue paper) some of this data could be better represented in the plan.

## **SECTION III – OTHER AGENCY COMMENTS**

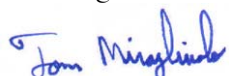
The following agencies reviewed and provided comments on your Plan:

- Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- Maine Forest Service
- Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

These comments are attached (blue sheets). The comments provide additional detail and other suggestions that you might find useful. While the State Planning Office agrees that the inclusion of these suggestions would improve the plan, our finding of consistency is not conditioned on their inclusion.

In closing, thank you again for submitting this plan for review and for all of your hard work so far. If this plan becomes adopted we ask that you send a final copy to us for our records. If we can be of assistance in any way, please contact me at 287-3215 or [tom.miragliuolo@maine.gov](mailto:tom.miragliuolo@maine.gov). I would be happy to work with the Comprehensive Planning Committee or your consultant to address any questions you might have.

Best Regards,



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Enclosures:

- Section IV - COMMENTS FROM OTHER STATE AGENCIES.

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