

Aroostook Community Guided Planning and Zoning

Agenda

January 21, 2015 9:00 am

Northern Maine Development Commission Office-Caribou, Maine

1. Introduction of Phase 2 of the Planning Process – Developing recommendations (**Robert Clark and Nick Livesay**)
2. Goals of the Planning Process (**Steering Comm. & NMDC/LUPC**)
 - a. Five preliminary goals have been identified based on Steering Committee work through phase 1
 - b. The Steering Committee will be asked to review these goals and discuss and decide:
 - i. Are these the right goals for this project?
 - ii. Do any of the goals need to be revised?
 - iii. Are there additional goals that should be included?
3. Presentation and work session – Locational considerations (**LUPC**)
 - Presentation on locational consideration for zoning and the LUPC’s use of the adjacency principle. Examples and “hands on” exercise in applying locational considerations.
4. Discuss Public Input Process
 - a. Process document considerations
 - b. Receipt of correspondence - Maine Forest Products Council Letter
5. Planning Topics & Project Timelines (**Steering Comm. & NMDC/LUPC**)
 - a. Economic development topics of focus for planning (see homework assignment)
 - i. Establishing and growing small businesses in homes, on farms, and beyond
 - Consider home-based businesses, on-farm agricultural processing, and other small businesses.
 - How best to accommodate the land use needs of these types of businesses – both when they are first established and also when they grow and expand – while avoiding undue adverse impacts on surrounding uses and resources.

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- Discuss where various uses with varying levels of intensity and impact of would be appropriate - what considerations should be made about appropriateness of location.

ii. Other topics

- Are there other topics the Steering Committee see as a priority to focus on at this phase or in future planning efforts. Other possible topics might include in-woods processing, tourism infrastructure, utility corridors, subdivisions, etc.

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b. Timelines and benchmarks

- i. Discuss draft timeline (provided as a separate document) for meetings, draft products, public and stakeholder engagement, and project completion.
 - Are these the right steps toward development of recommendations and completion of the project?
 - How often and when should the Steering Committee meet?
 - Should the timeline include any sub-committee work on things such as drafting, data gathering or public/ stakeholder outreach?
 - Are there other steps that should be included in the timeline?

c. Decisions

- i. What economic development topics will the land use planning address? What are the top priorities?
 1. Are there topics that merit a planning effort in the future but which the Steering Committee will not address at this time?
 - a. If so, how should this be reported?
- ii. What land use strategies will the planning effort address?
 1. Land Use standards
 2. Additional zones
 3. Locational criteria for certain zones
 4. Rezoning
 5. Other
- iii. What can be completed within the timeline for the project?

6. Adjourn (**Noon**)