

**Western Maine Planning Process for Townships and Plantations Served by the Land Use
Planning Commission
Franklin County Subcommittee
-Monday February 23, 2015 4:00-6:00 PM-
Kingfield Town Office**

Minutes

Attending: Committee members Darryl Brown, Kirsten Burbank, Thom Dodd, Claire Polfus, Doug Marble, Charlie Woodworth, Dan Simonds, James Taylor.
Staff: John Maloney, AVCOG; Chris Huck, KVCOG; Hugh Coxe, LUPC; Samantha Horn-Olson, LUPC.
Public: None

Agenda Items:

1. Overview of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments: John distributed a description of AVCOG's activities
2. Roles of Committee and AVCOG: John briefly outlined the expected relationship between AVCOG and committee members, including how the committee would participate in the development of the plan.
3. Initial Area of Focus of Planning Effort Discussion:

John presented a handout with the initial area of focus as determined by the steering committee process. There was considerable discussion concerning the terms used. Claire noted that "outdoor recreation was an activity and not a land use, that it would more accurately be described as the "outdoor recreation economy." Doug pointed out that the LUPC terminology is "recreation services." Darryl and Dan questioned what "manufacturing" means. Darryl would like to substitute "manufacturing/industrial" to better describe woods activities. There were several questions regarding the procedure and advisability of changes to the area of focus. Since the area of focus governs both subcommittees, any change would have to be agreed on by both.

Hugh gave a powerpoint presentation on how LUPC zoning works, especially with regard to recreational development. Darryl asked if this planning effort was all about rezoning. Hugh responded that there are many levels of change that can be recommended, but that LUPC hopes that we can get away from "reactive" zoning. Dan and Doug asked specifics about how the M-GN zone works, and how shoreland areas are treated.

The committee discussed what additional information is needed for its deliberations. Kirsten circulated a collection of information on small business opportunities that could be pursued in the UT while still retaining its character. Claire asked if we couldn't all give our individual perspectives on what we see as problem areas in the UT. There was some discussion of mapping needs, especially for trails. Doug offered to provide trails information collected by the High Peaks Alliance.

4. Public Forum Discussion: Kirsten suggested a questionnaire be distributed to UT residents. Due to time constraints, further discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.
5. Recommendation for Chair of Committee: Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

6. Items for Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on March 23rd, location to be announced. Items 4 and 5 on agenda, plus additional information as requested.