

**Western Maine Planning Process
for Townships and Plantations Served by the Land Use Planning Commission
Somerset Subcommittee Meeting**

**Thursday, March 26, 2015
3:00-5:00 PM
Northern Outdoors Resort, The Forks**

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Committee Discussion: When and where to seek public input, how to get the word out.
3. Committee Members' presentations: Interests and Issues
4. Committee Review of Preliminary Maps
5. Opportunity for Public Comment

APRIL MEETING: Thursday, April 30th, Valley High School, Bingham

Responsibilities and Expectations in the CGPZ Planning Process

This document is intended to help committee members and the public understand who is responsible for what activities in the development of the Western Maine Plan.

Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC):

LUPC is the planning, zoning and permitting authority for land use activities in the unorganized territories and certain plantations in Maine.

LUPC will . . .

- Provide guidance to the committee about LUPC process and mandate.
- Provide information on LUPC activities, e.g. recent permitting, current zoning
- Approve the final document.

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG):

KVCOG provides economic development, community development, and land use planning services to local and regional entities in Kennebec, Somerset and Waldo Counties.

KVCOG will . . .

- Convene and facilitate committee meetings, including agendas and minutes.
- Arrange for committee's information needs.
- Provide written/mapped information and analysis for the committee.
- Prepare the Somerset portion of the final report and recommendations.

Somerset Economic Development Commission (SEDC):

SEDC plans for and facilitates economic development projects in Somerset County.

SEDC will . . .

- Assist with arrangements and facilitation of committee and public meetings.
- Maintain contacts with county government and stakeholders within the county.
- Provide information on economic development initiatives in the county.

Planning Committee:

The planning committee is appointed for indefinite terms for the purpose of guiding the Western Maine Plan process. It consists of two county subcommittees. Membership is chosen to represent the diversity of interests at work in the unorganized territories.

The committee will . . .

- Attend meetings and participate, based on their personal and representative interests.
- Promote public input and provide a conduit for public opinion.
- Discuss and decide upon recommendations to go into the plan.