

**Comp Plan Implementation Committee**

*B. Haney*

**MINUTES – May 01, 2014**

Present: Stephen Beckert, Grant Hirst, Jessica O'Donoghue, Russ McMullen, Vickie Mills, Jack Murphy (BOS liaison)

Absent: Noah Lemire

Meeting starting at 4:15.

The committee welcomed newcomer Jessica O'Donoghue. It was agreed that meetings will now be held at 4:45 the first Thursday of the month. Acting Chair is to notify the town clerk of the time change.

Russ voiced his concern that people he has spoken to feel the comp plan is not being taken seriously. Discussion ensued regarding the responsible parties and what has been accomplished to date. The majority of the members consider the comp plan to be a guide, a working document and therefore may not be implemented word for word. Vickie voiced her concern that while citizens may have voted for the concept of the comp plan, they may not have agreed with everything in it. Steve stated that any changes to ordinances must go back to the citizens for vote before being implemented.

It is recognized that changes affecting the town and its citizens need to be well thought out and in the best interest of the town and its people.

Acting chair will invite the town manager to attend the next meeting. The committee is interested in what Dana sees as his role regarding the implementation of the comp plan.

There was discussion regarding the need for committee members. Steve and Grant expressed awareness of the criticism which has been levelled against the practice of selectmen sitting on committees, and have indicated both of them will happily step down if someone will step up to take their place.

Grant feels the committee is falling short on its obligation to provide minutes and agendas to the public. Being no volunteers, the acting chair will provide the minutes until the organizational meeting after town meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Next meeting: June 05, 2014 at 4:45. Tentative agenda: 1) Discussion with town manager, 2) Is there a need for a new citizen survey

Respectfully submitted

*Vickie Mills*

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Acting Chair

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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