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Comprehensive Plan – Population, Economy & Fishing MINUTES

Monday, October 18, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.
New Harbor Fire Station

Present: Jason Sewall, Tom Bishop, RoseAnne Holladay, Jamie Doherty (by phone)

Tom likes New Gloucester for the Economy chapter. It is simple clean with heavy data in the appendix. RoseAnne not sure that the state has accepted it yet; though Tom said that it was on Alfred's list.

In reality, it is the format and not the substance we are looking at but to be sure Tom will call the New Gloucester town office and ask about the statues of their plan.

RoseAnne has looked at several and likes Belfast for population structure but will look at New Gloucester to compare.

Jamie will follow Thomaston as they have a fishing component like we do.

Question if we should give data by ZIP code or combine; most agencies give data by zip code. Consensus was that since we have the richness of the codes, we should use them. Most towns have only one zip code and we are lucky.

We discussed population changes in Bristol and wonder if zip code boundaries have changed over time.

We agreed that we would start moving information from our outline over to a new document format and put on the shared drive. Tom, RoseAnne and Jamie will do this but will send out email so we can know that there is something new to look at.

We should look at opportunities to tie population to economics as our sub-C has the data for both.

Next meeting 15 November Monday 8:00

Note: I looked up changing zip code question. There is a process but usually the reason is to make zip code boundaries correspond to political ones. One must apply to the district manager not the postmaster. Given this, I don't expect any boundaries have changed for us, but someone might ask Roxanne the just retired postmaster at 04554 (New Harbor) to be sure.

JED Notes