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Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Subcommittee Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Bristol Town Office

Subcommittee Name:	<u>Land Use</u>	Members Present:	<u>Alex Beaudet</u>
			<u>Paul DiMauro</u>
Meeting Date:	<u>August 16, 2021</u>		<u>Pat Jennings</u>
			<u>Jess Yates</u>
Meeting Location:	<u>Town Hall - Picnic Tables</u>	Members Absent:	<u>Jim Barnes</u>

Meeting Notes:

- The discussion focused primarily on the survey, and additions/deletions/revisions to the questions in the area of Land Use. Members shared concerns with Town residents' decreasing ability to access water for recreation. Jennings shared particular concern in regard to the lack of availability of parking at the few places where access is permitted and noted the overlap of this issue with the Transportation Subcommittee.
- Members discussed how to create questions that are open-ended – and therefore allow people to share their opinions. They recognized the importance of avoiding the creation of leading questions.
- Members discussed the controversies associated with zoning and regulating development. They recognized that many people have negative feelings associated with the term “zoning” and may make negative assumptions about it – without understanding fully what it means.
- DiMauro discussed the controversy associated with a “minimum acre” lot size and a “minimum builder’s acre” lot size. Members agreed to determine the exact definition of a builder’s acre (40,000 square feet?).
- Beaudet shared concerns about code enforcement in the Town. Yates suggested that this may not be an issue that should be addressed by the survey.
- Members discussed adding specifics to the survey in regard to certain types of development – specifically, solar farms, cell towers, certain structures.

Action Items:

- Question proposals include:
 - Add: Have you experienced challenges with recreational water access in the Town? Explain.
 - Add: How do you feel about the development in the Town?
 - Add: “Regulate the use of land within the Town” to the grid in question 7
 - Change: Minimum lot size from acre to builder’s acre
 - Add: “Solar farms,” “Cell towers” to question 10

Next Meeting Date: September 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – location TBD
