

Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes September 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

Roll Call

Councilors Kuhn, Asherman, Hemphill, Cahan, and Johnson were present and answering roll call. Councilor De Lima arrived late. Councilor Trickett was absent.

Item 1

Workshop to:

- 1. review the draft 2019-2020 Town Council annual work plan, and**
- 2. schedule a Council workshop to discuss how to proceed with the development of a Comprehensive Plan Commission.**

Councilors reviewed the work plan and noted desired changes.

Councilors discussed how committees should prioritize their assigned work plan items. Committees should start with A items unless they are already working on a B item or a special circumstance occurs. Committees should check-in with the Council if they desire to change the assigned order.

The Council scheduled the workshop to discuss how to proceed with the development of a comprehensive plan commission for Thursday, October 17, 1-3:30pm.

Councilors discussed initial comprehensive plan update steps including potentially hiring a consultant. Councilors discussed working with staff to draft an RFQ as well as an invite list. Councilors discussed a desire to hear from a diverse range of residents.

Other Business

The Councilors discussed the need to share positive stories/news alongside everyday business.

Councilor Cahan provided an update on the September 9 Greater Portland Council of Governments Regional Voices Committee. The Committee discussed the proposed increase to the State gas tax and ideas for telling the story upfront about why the tax is important. Councilors discussed how such updates could be added to Town Council meeting agendas.

Councilors discussed the status of the various road construction projects around Town.

Adjourn

Councilor Asherman moved to adjourn; Councilor Cahan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Fleming
Recording Secretary