

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

**Somerset County Subcommittee
-Tuesday February 24, 2015-
Northern Outdoors, The Forks**

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Committee members Lloyd Trafton; David Spencer; Kaitlyn Bernard; Julie Richard; Luke Muzzy; Suzanne Hockmeyer; Tom Coleman; Kay Michka,

Staff: Chris Huck, KVCOG; Jim Batey, SEDC, John Maloney, AVCOG; Hugh Coxe, LUPC; Samantha Horn-Olson, LUPC.

Public: None

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions: Chris Huck welcomed members of the committee and asked for introductions.
2. Discussion of Mutual Responsibilities and Expectations (LUPC/KVCOG/SEDC/Committee): Chris provided a handout and gave an overview, as follows: KVCOG technical/planning assistance committee support; SEDC facilitation/committee support; LUPC technical support; Committee bring interest to table, connect with people of the UT's, listen to people, and support planning effort.
3. Area of Focus (New Agenda Item): Chris reviewed the "initial area of focus" the committee has been charged to address by the steering committee and approved by the LUPC. It was indicated that the Franklin County Subcommittee at their February 23, 2015 meeting had questioned if both outdoor recreation and manufacturing were to be addressed at the same level by the regional committees at this time. After discussion it was agreed the outdoor recreation was the primary area of focus keeping in mind possible impacts on manufacturing.

Luke Muzzy indicated he felt that Rockwood should be included in the planning area because of its outdoor recreation based economy. Members of the committee agreed. Chris will determine the feasibility of doing this and see if anyone from Rockwood would like to participate prior to the next meeting.

4. LUPC Presentation: LUPC planning and zoning practices: Hugh Coxe provided an overview of Chapter 10, Land use Districts and Standards, with particular reference to how it works with recreational development. Samantha Horn-Olson and Hugh responded to questions. Hugh indicated that LUPC will provide committee members with his presentations. Points raised during discussion included.
 - Ways to remove uncertainties
 - Identify Level E areas

- Location incentives
- Additional support (gas stations, equipment rental, variety stores)
- Large land owner maps
- Provide predictability
- What new recreation demand is emerging?
- Need more guests
- Need more residents
- Wood products/value added
- Future biomass mill
- have to talk about mills
- Need to focus on recreation/hold off on big manufacturing
- Support hubs
- Review of the “Possibility Tree”
- Wilderness is important
- Need manufacturing
- Businesses need more staff
- Outdoor Schools (leadership/outdoor recreation leadership)
- Important Natural areas (gems)
- Sharing workforce
- Clear understanding of growth

5. Items for next meeting

- Committee Discussion: When and where to seek public input, how to get the word out.
- Map layers (parcels, wildlife, lakes, districts, development permits.

6. Next meeting date- Thursday, March 26th, location TBD