Town of Durham

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Meeting Minutes-Monday, July 9

6:30 pm at Durham Town Hall

Attendance- Kevin Nadeau, Page Atherton, Jake Atherton, Juliet Caplinger, John Simoneau, Brian Lanoie

Also in attendance- George Thebarge, Town Planner

Call to Order at 6:25pm

Approval of June meeting minutes

John makes a motion Juliet seconds

Ya-6 no-0 Approved unanimously

Annual Election of Officers

Jake Atherton Nominates Kevin Nadeau as Chairman, seconded by John Simoneau

Ya-6 no-0 Approved unanimously

Kevin Nadeau nominates Jake Atherton for Vice Chairman, seconded by John Simoneau

Ya-6 no-0 Approved unanimously

Kevin Nadeau nominates Page Atherton for Secretary, seconded Juliet Caplinger

Ya-6 no-0 Approved unanimously

Discussion with George Thebarge, Town Planner

History of background and prior experience

Georges questions for the committee-

What are the big issues for Durham?

Committee Answer: Land use and growth. Roads (requirements. maintenance), how do we manage growth and subdivision/back lot and affordable housing, creating a new standard for water supply, ordinance updates/revision, Capital improvement plan, Future commercial growth, protecting natural resources.

Key Issues George has noted:

-Road standards

-Fire protection water supplies

-Capital Improvement Planning

-Backlot Development

-Balancing the private property owner interest against the public community interest

-Preserving farming and forest, rural character

-Tax Burden

Why do we want to get the plan approved?

Committee Answer: To be in compliance with the state and to support our ordinances. To help have a plan and manage the growth of Durham.

GPCOG has offered to do Land Use Map, Monkey Survey, and a daylong workshop

Next Meeting August 6th

George will pull together documents for the committee to review

Meeting Schedule

-August 6

-August 27

-September 10

-October 1

-October 20 (for potential public outreach day)

Adjourn

John makes a motion at 8:01 pm to Adjourn

Ya-6 no-0 Approved unanimously