

MOOSEHEAD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMUNITY MEETING NOTES

June 15, 2022

Bartley's Center Cover Event Center

Notes from morning community meeting June 15, 2022 (10 attendees¹)

- People expressed appreciation of the process to date
- A written comment requesting the removal of the Primary Location on Brassua Lake in Taunton and Raynham Academy Grant was left on a sticky note
- A comment was made that there was “room for services between Jackman and Rockwood”
- A question was asked about the concurrent designation of development subdistricts while removing Primary Locations. How/why can both be done at the same time?
- The use of the Natural Character Management subdistrict was strongly recommended for the planning area, and reasons why it is not included in the current draft Package were discussed. Post-meeting, there was further discussion about the lack of durability of zoning as compared to a conservation easement
- Additional questions were asked about:
 - How the Commission designates zones and applies the Location of Development Policy
 - The interactions between staff and Commissioners and how they work together
 - Adjacency waivers and how they are applied to Primary and Secondary Locations
 - What criteria were used to classify lakes
- Several people requested copies of the PowerPoint presentation

Comments from Drop-In Period (1 attendee)

- Glad Lily Bay is out [of P & S Locations]
- Locations E, F, & I are appropriate for development zoning
- Would like Locations A & B to be D-GN because need a store/gas station in those places – have to go to Jackman or the other side of Rockwood – need a place to get gas for a boat

Notes from evening community meeting June 15, 2022 (3 attendees)

- People expressed general support for whole package and specific development locations
- Liked the proposed removal of Primary Location around Indian Pond
- Some concern that proposal is good but will Commission or Weyerhaeuser object/change things

¹ One person attended to comment on the ski area proposal.

- A question was asked about how the proposal interacts with Big Moose ski area followed by a comment that the proposal in Big Moose Township makes sense
- Have not heard local objections in Beaver Cove so far
- Questions about existing zoning and policies for rezoning
- Noted that there is no prominent local land trust, just state-wide entities
- Discussed durability of conservation easement vs zoning protections
- Some interest in development occurring in Lily Bay; talked out how D-PDs work
- Some discussion about how existing zoning works and when zones change and how

June 29, 2022

Virtual Meeting Notes

Notes from morning virtual meeting (3 attendees):

- One participant asked if an update to the land use inventory would be helpful
- One participant expressed that the draft package is good and responsive to community wishes, and consistent with the LUPC's long-standing goals for the UT
- A question was asked if the LUPC has any influence or control over the type of housing built in these areas as there is a need for work force and affordable housing in the region
- One participant asked about the basis of the proposed removals – are they primarily the result of community input – is it what the community and people in the region want
- Some discussion that nothing is ever permanent, what could change in the future and what might the process be for changes

Notes from evening virtual meeting (3 attendees - one active participant):

- Questions about M-NC and P-UA zoning and why they are not proposed (wondered if Lily Bay parcel is >10,000 acres)
- Comment that Location I is not proximate to other existing development
- Concerned about Lily Bay and the Indian Pond shoreline and it is a good idea to remove Primary Locations in these areas
- Strongly hoped that Lily Bay parcel would have higher level of protection
- Concern that Primary Locations were not removed on entire Brassua peninsula
- Maps were very helpful
- Appreciated the staff's process
- Requested that the PowerPoint be posted to the website