

**Dresden Proposed Updated Comprehensive Plan
Workshop Notes
Dec. 20, 2011**

Present – Jeff Pierce (Chair), Phil Johnston (1st. Select), Dave Probert 2nd. Select), Sherry Moody (CP), Lauren Haven (CP), Peter Lincoln (DPB), Ken Stewart, jr. (DPB), Anne Smith (CP), Gerry Smith (DPB) and Shari Lilly(recording secr.)

Jeff opened the workshop thanking Dave for presiding over the previous session in his absence. He also thanked Lauren for the very good job on the preparation of the “Notification Letter” which will be sent out the first week in January.

Letter of Notification final review –

After discussion as to wording for the third bullet under “What is a Comp Plan?”, Sherry suggested, and it was agreed, to have it read “It serves as a guide *for* _ _ _ decisions that determine the Town’s future” instead of *to make*.

Other wording changes were (bullet #4) to have it ‘serve as a source of information’ about our community. Ken suggested changing the wording ‘serve as a foundation for regulations’ to be more people friendly with it saying ‘guide for the town’s land use plan.’ All agreed.

Under “Why should Dresden have a Comp Plan?, it was agreed that we should include ‘Federal’ along with state in regard to qualifying for grants and low-cost loan programs. Also include the information that money is awarded annually with some level of consideration of local comp plans. Also suggested to take the boldness from the word requires to make it less restrictive. Phil asked if it should just say we are required to have one, but Jeff told him it is not a requirement. Lauren then suggested changing the wording to ‘Updated’ not ‘consistent’.

The new typeface is a much friendlier one than on the original draft. All agreed to use this one. Lauren will do a revision and send it to Dave.

Opinion Survey review –

Dave and others feel that it should not include issues of a personal nature. Sherry has done research on a lot of this by utilizing the last census survey so it was agreed to also use it to help with reviewing pertinent information for this review. Jeff suggested to take each one and see if it should stay or be eliminated. Some things, such as those referring to the school, do not need to be included as we now belong to an RSU. Others were already included as part of the most recent

census, so at the final tally, the opinion survey was completed with issues that would be pertinent to a town comprehensive plan and was shortened to approximately one page. The survey will be revised and ready for a final review at the next workshop. Lauren already has it set up on her computer so she has volunteered to do the revision and will forward copies.

The Public Opinion survey will not be ready to send out as previously planned, so notice of this will be put on the newsletter, website and Communicator. It is hoped to send it out by the end of January with return date by the end of February or March so that the information can be processed and ready for the annual town meeting.

We will continue to keep information about the workshops in as much community notification as we can and will begin to have the workshops open to the public as soon as we can to hopefully get more input from other townspeople.

The next workshop will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at Pownalborough Hall.