

SOUTH BERWICK



Draft Comprehensive Plan

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SUBMITTAL FORM

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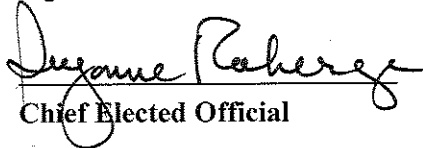
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1. the proposed plan is a complete plan in that it contains at least an inventory and analysis section, a policies section, a land use plan, and an implementation strategies section;
2. the proposed plan was developed with the intent of complying with the Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act (30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4301 et seq.);
3. the proposed plan was developed in accord with the procedural and citizen participation requirements of Section 4324; and
4. a copy of the proposed plan has been sent to the following regional council for review and comment:

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South Berwick, Maine Comprehensive Plan Update

Following the award of grant money from the Maine Office of State Planning, the Town Council appointed a Comprehensive Plan Update Committee in September of 2002. The Committee worked with the Town's Planning Staff along with Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI), the Town's Planning Consultant, for purposes of implementing the grant and revising the 1990 Comprehensive Plan.

The committee started work in the Fall of 2002 by meeting with representatives of the State Planning Office and Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission, identifying available resources, and scheduling various milestones for completion of incremental tasks.

In January 2003 a Vision Meeting was held at the Town Hall with over 100 people attending. After a general presentation by MRI, focus groups for brainstorming sessions were formed. The results of each group were recorded and summarized. The vision meeting also identified people willing to serve on subcommittees. In addition, in an effort to seek the opinions of as many citizens as possible, a Town wide survey was mailed to all households.

For six months the subcommittees worked on goals to be included in the Plan update and strategies for implementation of the goals. The results of the survey provided perspective and helped in the development of goals and strategies. By June the update committee reviewed the subcommittees' work and forwarded the results to MRI for consolidation and drafting of section narratives. In fall 2003, the update committee continued review work on draft narratives along with further review of goals and strategies for each section.

A draft representing work completed through December 2003, was disseminated for initial review by the State Planning Office, South Berwick Town Council, South Berwick Planning Board and interested citizens.

In 2004, based upon comments received from the state and with the grant of additional funds, revisions were made and three buildout scenarios were developed with the assistance of the Southern Main Regional Planning Commission.

In 2005, a second informal review was provided by the State Planning Office and the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee made further revisions based on several comments received, while striving to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan would serve as a viable planning and development tool for the Town of South Berwick.

This document is respectfully submitted in January, 2006 on behalf of the South Berwick Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and MRI.

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