

## Comprehensive Planning

Comprehensive Planning is a process that looks to the future of a community. A Town's Comprehensive Plan is a road map that guides the town's decisions related to its future growth and development.

## Why Have and Update a Comprehensive Plan?

A Town's Comprehensive Plan takes stock of where the town is and then sets goals for where the town's residents want to be. Nobleboro last updated our comprehensive plan in 2007. A lot has changed and much has remained the same since then. An update lets the community find out exactly what has happened in the town and to see how we are doing on the goals and strategies that were in the last approved plan.

The comprehensive plan processes is also a chance for all of us to get together and really talk about our town. What do we like about Nobleboro? What might we like to change? Where do we want to be in the future? We will talk about these things and possibly create new goals and strategies as part of the updated plan.

A current, state approved, comprehensive plan also has certain legal and regulatory benefits. The State of Maine requires plans to be updated every 10 years and meet certain standards. Plans that meet these requirements are the legal basis for enforceable land use codes. They qualify towns for preferred status when competing for state grants and working with state departments.

## Get Involved

If you have interest or experience in gathering and analyzing data, technical writing, strategic planning or would like to review and comment on parts of the plan update as each section is revised the Nobleboro 2020 Comp Plan update committee would appreciate your assistance. As the process continues we will need input from community experts in specialty areas as well as from Nobleboro citizens, across all generations. If you are interested in becoming part of Nobleboro's Comp Plan Update process please contact Selectman Richard Powell (563-8816)

## Join the Conversation

Solicitation of public input and feedback is a vital part of the comp plan update process. Public forums provide opportunities for residents to "have a voice" and for the committee to understand what upcoming needs and goals might be. A Lifelong Community Conversation funded by a Lifelong Communities mini-grant from the Maine Community Foundation will be held, COVID-19 pandemic regulations permitting, during the month of September 2020.

## Questions for Committee Members

E-mail: [nobleborocompplanupdate@outlook.com](mailto:nobleborocompplanupdate@outlook.com)

## Surveying the Community

A community input survey has been developed and can be completed on-line by clicking on the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NobleboroCompPin>. Printed copies of the survey are available at the Town Office., 192 US Highway 1 Completed surveys need to be returned to the Town Office by :

Monday, August 31, 2020

## 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update Committee Members

Sharon Abair

Larry Keith

Bud Lewis

Matt Lewis, Planning Board Chair

Marianne Pinkham

Marty Welt

Richard Powel, Selectman Liaison

The Nobleboro Comprehensive Plan Update Committee is a citizen populated committee appointed by the Select board. To express your interest in becoming a member of the update team contact Selectman Richard Powell (563-8816).

## Update Committee Meetings

Comp Plan Update Committee meetings take place on the Second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Town of Nobleboro's Conference Room.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the working meetings of the Update Committee. These working sessions are not public hearings .