



Comprehensive Plan Committee Charge

The Town of Freedom is establishing the Freedom Comprehensive Planning Committee to create an updated Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Freedom. With resident input the committee will develop a vision that will guide land use planning for the Town of Freedom for the next decade. Freedom's Comprehensive Plan was created in 2011 and not updated since. An updated plan will need to meet the Maine Growth Management Act (30-A MRSA Chapter 187) requirements for approval, enabling the town of Freedom to access future state planning assistance and grants.

This will be an ad-hoc Committee and should comprise 6-10 members, representing diverse perspectives, experience and skills to bring to this effort which will take 18-24 months to complete. The Committee may select a chair or co-chairs and will begin its work by September 2025, in hopes of bringing a plan to a town meeting vote by March 2027. The Committee will begin by reviewing the 2011 plan and the current guidelines for development of a new plan. Kennebec Valley Council of Governments can offer free support for selected chapters of the plan and the Committee shall work with KVCOG for support of these sections (Housing, Community Character and Transportation). The Committee will be responsible for preparation of the remaining chapters. A budget may be developed for facilitation and writing support if needed. Once the Comprehensive Plan is approved at state and local level, the Committee will disband.

The Comprehensive Plan will develop a vision for Freedom as our community undergoes new development pressures, both residential and commercial. The Committee will engage residents throughout the process in subcommittees and to ensure that the goals and vision of the plan reflect input from diverse segments of our rural community.

The Committee chair or co-chairs shall keep the Selectboard informed and Selectboard members will be available to support the Committees work to ensure an inclusive process and practical product is the result.

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