

Monroe Comprehensive Plan Committee

Minutes

June 18, 2026 6:00pm

Attendees: Lyndsey Marston, Ray Wirth, Rebecca Fee, Grace Johnston-Fennell, Ryan Wing, Kitty Wilkin, and Ashlie Stubbs. Excused absence: Troy Moody

Lyndsey called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Action Items:

1. Grace and Kitty will discuss next steps for historical research
2. Lyndsey will complete the conditions and trends section and send around for review
3. Lyndsey will make a map of the public recreation areas once all the relevant information is gathered

Old Business:

A. Review/approve May meeting minutes:

Ray **made a motion** to approve the May minutes. Grace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Updates on May Action items:

- a. Grace and Kitty have connected, but have not made any forward movement on the historical research
- b. Lyndsey has a new GIS license and has updated the moderate risk land use shapefile to match the State guidance

New Business:

A. Town Meeting debrief

No one signed up for the historical research, but there were several responses on the scenic viewpoints question and feedback on best days/time of day for meetings. Grace and Rebecca said they had all good interactions.

B. Information Checklist Review:

The meeting focused on the recreation category. Ashlie Stubbs entered at 6:15pm to join the conversation based on her role with the Recreation Committee and Gesner Park. Lyndsey pointed out that we normally have more data to review from the State, but the portal documents for this category only focused on tax valuation for Town properties. The analyses questions were reviewed and answered (see checklist for details), noting the following:

- a. Information on recreational offerings is not readily available, apart from trail maps on the Town website.
- b. Incremental improvements to existing facilities have been helpful in keeping costs low
- c. Having deeds and leases on file of Town properties will help clarify questions on ownership and allowed uses. Ashlie will provide a copy of the Gesner lease.
- d. A map of Monroe recreation lands and trails, including snowmobile trails, will be helpful.
- e. The school has a trail with an outdoor classroom
- f. If residents want more access to water bodies, there could be preferred access for residents vs. non-residents (like Liberty)

There was not enough time to complete the conditions and trends. Lyndsey offered to fill in the initial responses and send it around for review before the next meeting.

C. Next Steps:

The next meeting topic will be Transportation. Meeting will be July 16th. Kitty noted she will likely be absent. There is no meeting in August.

D. Other:

Lyndsey noted that she signed up for a training with the Maine Municipal Association for elected officials. She is hoping to get more guidance on ordinances, but generally recommended that people look into these trainings. She also noted that legal services are available to the Committee for free due to the Town's membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.