

**TOWN OF JACKSON**  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**August 27, 2024**

The Town of Jackson Comprehensive Plan Committee held a working meeting on August 27, 2024 at the Town Hall at 6:30 pm with the following people in attendance:

**Committee Members:**

Erik VandenBerg  
Mark Mahoney  
Molly Dixson

**Others present:**

Kelly Donahue  
Lewis Steele  
Bonnie Hoag  
Eric Strebel

Committee members reviewed the results of the Comprehensive Plan survey that was handed out at the July 26<sup>th</sup> Town Picnic. Following the picnic, the survey was handed out at the Town Hall and provided online through the Town website and QR code that was posted in the Eagle throughout the month of August. After the last QR code article is posted on August 29<sup>th</sup>, Committee member VandeBerg will work to compile the results and incorporate them into a draft plan.

- After reviewing the survey results, Committee members agreed that the resounding opinion residents have of the Town of Jackson is a desire to keep it rural. Resident Lewis Steele questioned how the Town will work to achieve the rural character, as he believes there are mechanisms that could be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan that could support this. Erik VandenBerg stated that he does not believe it is the Committee's nor the Planning Board's job to tell the Town Board how to achieve rural character. We want to put forth a document that the Town Board would be comfortable in approving that does not incorporate language that could be construed as zoning. Mark Mahoney agreed, stating that the main purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to create a catch stone for our community, to have a document in place that helps us get approved for grants and receive better insurance rates. The Comprehensive Plan is a strategy for the community that can coincide with what the Town may apply for in grants.
- Resident Bonnie Hoag stated she would like to see the Comprehensive Plan explain who we are and what we were years ago. Erik VandenBerg stated we will be adding a history of the Town to the Plan that could document the original formation of the Town of Jackson.

Committee member Erik VandenBerg will hope to have a draft document put together by the end of September for review at the September 24<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting at 6:30 pm. Following that, the document will be reviewed by the Planning Board and subsequently the Town Board before a public hearing date will be set.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Dixson  
Town Clerk/Planning Board Clerk