

PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

3.1 The Project Team

The original drafting of the Comprehensive Plan was completed by a team of Exeter citizens, officials and consultants. Leading the effort was the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, consisting of:

- Thomas Cardillo, Chairperson, 167 Widow Sweets Rd.
- Audrey Records-Brennan, Vice-Chairperson, 220 Ten Rod Rd.
- Michael Abbott, Secretary, 179 Kinston Rd.
- Roxanne Arruda, 135 Skunk Hill Rd.
- James W. Chadwick, 350 Mail Rd.
- Pat Gavltt, 55 School Land Rd.
- John Knlght, 19 Glen Rock Rd.
- Robert Moeller, 145 Skunk Hill Rd.
- August Reinhardt, 484 Ten Rod Rd.
- James Blink, 55 Purgatory Rd.
- Daniel Cotta, 15 Sheffield Hill Rd.
- Thomas Sawlcky, 05 Old Voluntown Rd.
- Nancy Schartner, South County Trail
- Rosamond Fisher, 808 Ten Rod Rd.
- William Warner, 595 Ten Rod Rd.
- Scott Millar, Council Liaison, 292 Hallville Rd.

Consultants were BETA Engineering, Inc., represented by James C. Coppola, Principal Planner and Anthony J. Garro, Project Planner. Also consulting was Sycamore Bray, represented by Raymond Nickerson, and Newport Collaborative, represented by Arnold Robinson. Mary Hutchinson, representing Mapping and Planning Services, provided additional mapping services.

Final revisions compiled by David W. Schweid, Town Planner, with assistance from Paula H. Thayer, Planning Clerk.

3.2 Public Participation

To gather information for the formulation and drafting of the Comprehensive Plan, a survey was distributed town-wide with over 400 responses received and tabulated. The Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and the consultants drafted the Plan and a public hearing was held by the Planning Board on June 3, 1993. Numerous meetings were held by the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and the Plan was adopted

3.3 State Law

The Rhode Island Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulation Act requires that each community in the State: "Shall prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan which is consistent with the goals, findings, intent and other provisions of this chapter..."

Act 45-22.2-6 Required Elements -- the Act states, "The comprehensive plan shall be a statement (in text, maps, illustrations or other media of communications) that is designed to provide a basis for rational decision-making regarding the long-term physical development of the municipality.

The following seven elements are developed:

1. Economic Development
2. Land Use
3. Housing
4. Facilities and Services
5. Natural and Cultural Resources
6. Circulation
7. Open Space and Recreation

3.4 Plan Update

During 2003, the Town amended this Plan to reflect a stronger need to conserve open space and natural resources and to protect community character through the development review process. Specifically, the Plan was amended to provide the basis for revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and the Land Development and Subdivision Regulations providing for Conservation Development.

