

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
August 21, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emilie Schmidt Howell (Chair), Fred Koerber (Co-Chair), Alison Harris, Catherine Ferdinand, Marcy McGuire, Lisa Trombley, Meghan Kissling, Larissa Darcy, Sande Updegraph (Town Council, District 4), Steve Weems (Town Council, District 7), Steve Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Julie Erdman, Director of Planning and Development; Jimmy Dealaman, Principal Planner

Chair Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and called the roll. There were no adjustments to the agenda, correspondence read into the record, or public comment provided.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve January minutes:

Alison Harris
Second Lisa Trombley
Unanimous

Motion to approve February minutes:

Larissa Darcy
Second Lisa Trombley
Unanimous

Motion to approve March minutes:

Lisa Trombley
Second Marcy McGuire
Unanimous

Motion to approve April minutes:

Fred Koerber
Second Catherine Ferdinand
Unanimous

Initial Discussion - Public Feedback Received about Draft Plan

Chair Schmidt addressed the vitriol directed at her as part of the public comment on the Draft Plan, and the comments made attempting to invalidate the plan through criticism of Chair Schmidt. Steve Walker made corrections to the record. Members of the committee and staff expressed their support for Chair Schmidt. The committee planned to follow up via email after conversations between Chair Schmidt, Sande Updegraph, and the town manager.

Jimmy Dealaman presented a synthesis of the public comment and the committee discussed. The committee also discussed the tonal incompatibility between the executive summary and the action items.

Growth/Rural Area Boundary - Continued Discussion

Steve Weems summarized the meeting he attended on LD1829: Brunswick Ordinances will need to be in compliance with the law by July 1, 2026, and a rule-making process will take place this fall. A more thorough summary will be provided to the committee early next week.

Jimmy Dealaman presented a current density map of Brunswick. The committee continued their discussion of revising the Growth/Rural Area Boundary in light of LD1829.

Motion to Adjourn:

Larissa Darcy
Second Catherine Ferdinand
Unanimous

NEXT MEETING: September 4, 2025, 6:30 PM