

Town of Jonesport, Maine

Comprehensive Plan



Updated 2022 & 2023

Jonesport adopted its most recent Comprehensive Plan in 2009 and began an update in late 2021. This update incorporates the most recent census data, improved digital mapping and information, and updated community facts, figures, and trends. The elected leadership and citizens of Jonesport determined planning for our desired future is important enough to raise local funds for this Plan. Additional support for Jonesport came from Maine Department of Transportation, University of Maine GIS Lab, and Sunrise County Economic Council.

The comprehensive plan is designed to guide the future actions of a community. This includes guidance on how to make decisions on public and private land development proposals, the expenditure of public funds, availability of tax policy (tax incentives), cooperative efforts and issues of pressing concern, such as farmland preservation or the rehabilitation of older neighborhoods areas. Most plans are written to provide direction for future activities over a 10- to 20-year period after plan adoption. However, plans should be reviewed every five years. If significant changes have occurred or projections are way off course, the plan may need some degree of updating.

A community comprehensive plan serves numerous functions. The Plan:

- Provides a common framework for public bodies to address land use issues over time.
- Creates balance among the competing demands on land by creating development patterns that are orderly and rational, provide the greatest benefits for individuals and the community as a whole and avoid nuisance conflicts between land uses.
- Protects public investments by outlining well-planned, orderly, and phased development patterns that provide critical public services at a lower cost.
- Allows communities to plan development in a way that protects valued resources.
- Provides guidance for shaping the appearance of the community through policies that foster a distinctive sense of place.
- Provides a factual and objective basis to support zoning decisions and can be used by communities to defend their decisions if challenged in court.
- Provides citizens an opportunity to brainstorm, debate, discuss, and plan for the future of their community.

Please note that the Comprehensive Plan serves as a guide for future growth of the community and is based on current input from community members. The Comprehensive Plan is not a Land Use Ordinance, but it does provide the basis to guide any future Land Use Ordinances or updates to the existing Ordinances. The Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed every 5 years and updated if there are any major changes in the community's makeup or character.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SUBMITTAL FORM

**Municipal Planning Assistance Program
Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry**

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Place where comprehensive plan will be available for public inspection:

Address: Town Office, 70 Snare Creek Lane, **Website** www.townofjonesport.com

Hours: 8-1 Monday, 8-5 Tuesday-Thursday
Other Location: Library, 162 Main St, Tuesday-Thursday 10-4, Saturday 10-2

II. Certification

I (we) certify that this comprehensive plan was prepared with the intent of complying with the Growth Management Act (30-A M.R.S.A. § 4312 - 4350.), that it includes all of the applicable required elements of the Maine Comprehensive Plan Review Criteria Rule (07-105 CMR 208), and that it is true and accurate.

A paper or electronic copy of the plan has been sent to the following regional planning organization for review and comment:

Required Signatures:


Chief Elected Official

Harry Fish, Jr.
Printed/Typed Name

Date: 04-26-2023


Chairperson, Comprehensive Planning Committee

John R Church
Printed/Typed Name

Date: 05/02/2023