

You are invited!

A public forum will be held on April 25th and a public hearing will take place on May 30th for **Dresden's Comprehensive Plan** both at 9:00 a.m. at Pownalborough Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

For more information, please visit our website at <http://dresdencompplan.webly.com> and make comments and suggestions on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DresdenCompPlan>.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- ➡ A comprehensive plan serves as a guide for managing the changes in the town and its surrounding environment that are anticipated over the next ten years.
- ➡ It's an expression of the townspeople's vision of the future.
- ➡ It serves as a guide for the many decisions that determine the town's future.
- ➡ It serves as a source of basic information about Dresden's community.
- ➡ It serves as a guide for the town's land use plan.

Why should Dresden update its Comprehensive Plan?

While change is inherent in life, some changes are thought by the townspeople to be better than others. It is through the comprehensive planning process that we, as a town, can better identify these changes and manage the future we want for Dresden.

An updated comprehensive plan will help Dresden qualify for state and federal grant and loan programs.

Over \$80 million annually is awarded through 25 grant and loan programs with preference given to towns with comprehensive plans.

The Legal Requirement

In 1988, the Maine Legislature adopted the Comprehensive planning and Land Use Regulation Act, commonly referred to as the, "Growth Management Act". The act requires that each municipality in the state, except those under the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, develop a local growth management program that guides the future growth of that community. The local growth management program must be consistent with state and regional goals and with the state's coastal policies. The plan must be approved every ten years. Dresden's plan was last approved in 1991.

The Truth Is:

- ➡ The comprehensive plan **will not** raise your taxes.
- ➡ It does not take away property rights.
- ➡ It does not impede activities on property.
- ➡ It will not bind property owners in any way.
- ➡ The comprehensive plan is not a law.
- ➡ It is not forever. We can and should change the plan as our vision changes.