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RE: Review of Recent Comprehensive Plan Changes

Thank you for submitting amendments to Skowhegan's Comprehensive Plan for review for consistency with the Maine Growth Management Act (M.R.S.A. 30-A §4312 et seq). The amendments were received from Chris Huck via email on 4/27/2010. We are pleased to inform you that the State Planning Office finds the amendments (attached) to be **consistent** with the Act and Rule.

In closing, thank you again for submitting this plan and the later amendments. If we can be of assistance in any way, please contact me at 207-287-3215 or tom.miragliuolo@maine.gov.

Best Regards,

Tom Miragliuolo
Senior Planner

cc: Chris Huck, Town Planner / KVCOG
Enclosures: Summary of amendments

Changes to the Comprehensive Plan Draft to April 20th:

Vol. 1, page 21: Changed paragraph above table to clarify role of table and explain timetable. Included Run of River Project in table.

Vol. 1, page 24: Add Strategy #15, to secure public access to more water. At bottom of page, changed Run of River proposed beginning to 2012.

Vol. 1, page 26, strategy #3: Define scope of new road standards ordinance, including erosion control and wildlife compatibility.

Vol. 1, page 27, strategy #10: deleted the phrase "if and when the DOT decides to abandon it."

Vol. 1, page 40, strategy #6: Added the phrase "and wildlife corridor protection" and on page 43, added a sentence describing practices that will protect those corridors.

Vol. 1, page 42, strategy #2: Added "Habitat" after "endangered wildlife." This just clarifies that open space should target the habitat areas, not the actual wildlife.

Vol. 2, page 52: In the paragraph on Run-of-River, added a sentence on next steps.

Vol. 2, page 59: Added a paragraph on carpooling facilities.

Vol. 2, page 63: Changed the first paragraph under "Second Bridge" to reflect that it is only the current version of the second bridge study that began in 2008.

Vol. 2, page 80: Rewrote the paragraph on streams (now the third from bottom) to incorporate DEP comments on impaired streams.

Vol. 2, pages 81 and 82: Rewrote information to include Round Pond as a great Pond. This addition caused the page numbering to change, with Chapter 11 now beginning on page 87.

Vol. 2, page 89 (formerly page 88): Added Eastern Box Turtle as endangered species; changed paragraph on laws currently protecting the bald eagle.

Vol. 2, page 90 (formerly page 89): Added a sentence to the last paragraph identifying two known vernal pools in Skowhegan.

Local Comment:

Vol. 1, page 5: Change policy to increase scope from Dudley Corner Schoolhouse to all historic properties. Add strategy #4 to implement the policy.

Vol. 1, page 7: Add Somerset Woods Trustees to list of consultation groups for Heritage Council.