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## Update of the Boothbay Comprehensive Plan Drafts of Chapters 4, 5, and 6

The Town of Boothbay is in the process of updating its comprehensive plan. The updated plan is divided into three parts. Part 1 (consisting of Chapters 1, 2 and 3) provides background information about the Town and past planning activities. Part 2 (consisting of Chapters 4, 5 and 6) outlines a vision for the future of Boothbay and sets out proposed policy directions for a wide range of topics including population, the local economy, housing, municipal facilities, recreation and open space, infrastructure, transportation, natural and marine resources, fiscal issues, education, and land use. Part 3 (consisting of Chapters 7, 8, and 9) addresses the implementation of the recommendations including regional considerations.

The Comprehensive Plan is an official policy document of the community. As such it must be adopted by Town Meeting. The role of the Comprehensive Plan Committee is to develop a draft of an updated plan to be considered by an upcoming Town Meeting. In addition, any changes to the zoning ordinance or other Town ordinances needed to implement the Plan after it is adopted will require additional approval by the Town Meeting.

The update of the Comprehensive Plan is a work-in-progress. Copies of the current drafts of Chapters 4, 5, and 6 follow. These are the chapters that contain the policy recommendations. The Community Forum to be held on Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Boothbay Region Elementary School starting at 6:00 PM will focus on a number of the key policy proposals included in Chapters 5 and 6. Following the forum, the Comprehensive Plan Committee will take the feedback from the participants at the forum and review it and decide what changes it needs to make to the drafts as it moves forward.