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## Town of Cranberry Isles Comprehensive Plan Board Meeting

May 13, 2026

Meeting called to order at 15:35.

Attendees: Avery Varney, Addison Gruber, Don Weinreich, Erica Merrill, Jeff Pease, Katelyn Damon, Olivia Jolley, Peter Buchsbaum

Absent: Pixie Lauer, Sharon Morrell

Review and Approval of minutes from 4/8/26.

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Don Weinreich.

Second by Katelyn Damon.

Motion approved unanimously

### **Public Engagement:**

### **Visioning Session Debrief:**

Averi is still working on compiling data from the three visioning sessions held in late April.

Some general themes observed, but a full recap will be completed later.

### **Survey Update:**

41 Responses so far

Almost even split of year round/ seasonal participation so far

Almost even split of GCI/ LCI

Will post more flyers with survey QR code and keep posting to Facebook/ emailing.

## **Chapter Discussion:**

### **Natural Resources**

Discussion of natural resources in the town:

- Plants,
- Animal Species,
- Views,
- Waterfowl Habitat,
- Areas of Ecological Significance,
- Open Space

Key Takeaways:

- Transition to Community Resilience Partnership Participation for ongoing sustainability support.
- Continued work to protect rare natural features anywhere in the town.
- Update inventory of local wildlife, flora & fauna, etc. by working with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries.

### **Water Resources:**

Discussion of water resources in the town:

- Wells
  - Are wells going dry?
  - Do wells have saltwater intrusion?
  - Mapped wells are significantly under reported.
- Discussion of aquifers for the islands and how to study actual capacity.
- Discussion of water contaminants.
- Well water threats- spills, salt/ sand, imported gravel

Key Takeaways:

- Study aquifers

- Protect Marshes, Heath
- Public information about low water use plumbing fixtures

Action Items:

- Katelyn will contact Town office about the Mosquito study
- Katelyn will contact Gary Gould about wells to see if he has noticed if there are more reports of wells going dry, saltwater intrusion or wells having to be drilled deeper.
- Katelyn to follow up with D. Thomas re wells possibly studied by one his daughters.

The meeting adjourned at 16:50.

Next meeting 6/10/26 @ 5 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Katelyn Damon

5/15/26