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Small Group Exercise #2

A Vision for Boothbay in 2025

A Community Vision is a statement that sets out what we want Boothbay to be as we think about the Town 10, 15 or even 20 years in the future. The vision establishes what we are trying to achieve through the planning process. It is our goals or objectives for the community in the future.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee developed a draft of a Community Vision for Boothbay. This was the result of a brainstorming process followed by give and take discussion among the committee. Now we need your feedback – tell us how you think we did envisioning the desired future of Boothbay. Please read through the draft vision. If there are things you like or agree with, circle them. If there are things you don't like or don't agree with, draw a line through them. And if there are things you have questions about, underline them and put a question mark on them.

Then if there are other things that you think should be included in the vision, write them in the spaces provided at the end of the vision draft.

After everyone has done this individually, we'll discuss this as a group. Remember:

Like or agree with it – Circle it

Don't like or disagree with it – cross it out

Don't understand or have questions – underline it

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Boothbay is an integral part of the Boothbay Region, a group of independent communities that work together to develop and advance a shared vision for the region. While each community retains its own character, the four communities on the peninsula, together with the adjacent Route One communities, function seamlessly with coordinated growth and development objectives and cooperative service delivery.

Boothbay continues to be a true coastal New England community that maintains its character while accommodating activities traditional to the Boothbay region as well as new development. Route 27 remains an attractive, rural gateway to the community. We welcome growth and development but require that it be in keeping with the traditional character of Boothbay. Growth is balanced with the capacity of the natural systems to support additional development. Our local infrastructure supports development in designated areas of the community while our development regulations balance protection of the character and environment of our community with the desire for sustainable growth. These regulations are clear, understandable, flexible, and result in development that is an asset to the community.

Boothbay is a diverse community both socially and economically. The Town welcomes and accommodates people of all ages, with a wide range of incomes and educations. We are a year-round community in which people work in a variety of occupations and

industries. To encourage this diversity, the community offers a range of housing both in terms of price and type. Our spectacular natural resources attract both residents and visitors to our community. Growing economic opportunities make it possible for more people to live and work in Boothbay. Our natural resources are an integral part of the community's economy. The Town works in partnership with businesses and non-profit organizations to support economic growth in the community and the Boothbay Region.

The Boothbay school system is a vibrant, innovative environment that allows all youth to learn at the peak of their abilities. The district works closely with local employers to foster real-world education including more vocational education opportunities and inspire students to excel.

Boothbay residents enjoy a rewarding, engaging lifestyle. The community offers a wide range of recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Cultural activities and the arts flourish year-round making Boothbay and the Boothbay Region a “cultural destination”.

Boothbay offers a variety of lifestyles and transportation options. Existing neighborhoods within the Town, as well as other areas, have evolved as “villages” with access to a variety of modes of transportation. Paths for walking and biking and expanded public transit link these villages and destinations throughout the entire peninsula.

If there are other things that you think should be addressed in the Vision for the future of Boothbay, please list them in the spaces below: