

**Blue Hill Co-op
Relocation Committee
Annual Meeting Report 2011**

The Relocation Committee was reformed after the Co-op's general manager resigned in February. For several months three-four committee members met every two-three weeks. The work completed prior to February was reviewed and we began additional work researching potential sites.

Since reforming the committee has grown to include six people; three Board members and three Co-op members. Currently we are meeting at least every other week. We have considered more than ten properties and thoroughly researched seven sites. Research is being done to create a document cross-referencing each site with specific characteristics.

All sites were first considered using the minimum site criteria listed on page 2

The following criteria was used to analyze sites which met the minimum site criteria:

- Each characteristic was selected based on Co-op vision, building and planning requirements, and Maine DOT requirements.
- Fourteen site characteristics were ranked on a scale from one(lowest, not meeting above mentioned requirements) to ten(highest, meeting the above mentioned requirements)
- Each site was ranked by averaging each committee members ranking for each characteristic.
- Site characteristics were also ranked by importance using the same one to ten scale.

A list of the committee's guiding vision and goals is on page 2.

Relocation Committee

Keith Herklotz	Board member
Terry Mason	
John Miller	Board member
Richard Paget	Board member
Tim Seabrook	
Bruce Stahnke	

Blue Hill Co-op Relocation – minimum site considerations

	Acres	Minimum parking spaces	Minimum road frontage**	Minimum building footprint***
In town (within .5 miles from village center*)	2	35	100 ft	3000 sq. ft.
Out of town (greater than .5 miles, less than 1.5 miles from village center*)	4	65	100 ft	5000 sq. ft.

* Village center - Town Hall

** Allows separate access, of 20' each for egress, ingress, and deliveries, with buffers between each access drive.

*** Allows for second floor office, meeting, and/or storage space.

Relocation Committee Vision and goals

To create a Coop that has:

- More space for shopping and display.
- A parking area that is safer and larger.
- A greater ease of access, both for patrons & deliveries.
- Some space for use by the community.
- A child friendly and inviting feel.
- A sustainable building and grounds & uses resources wisely.
- An affordable alternative energy system.
- Flexibility for future changes to the space and site.
- A healthier atmosphere for staff & administration.
- The ability to support educational programs & community outreach.
- The infrastructure to support local agriculture & products.
- A connection to the outside and outdoor usable spaces.