

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION

February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Members Present via ZOOM: Jan Ohlsson, Melanie Kehne, John McCullough & Gary Root
Guest: Tom Blachly, Chair, Calais Trails Committee

- 1) Convened circa 7:00 via ZOOM
- 2) Approved January 18 minutes
- 3) Proposed RCO (River Corridor Overlay district)
 - a. Discussed RCO mapping on Calais Online Webmap with regard to RCO 50' buffers at small streams receiving water from .5 – 2 sq mi watershed areas. These smaller RCO streams are mapped, but they are not readily identified on Webmap as part of the RCO district.
 - b. Jan will contact Ashley Andrews at CVRPC (Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission) regarding a Webmap that has all RCO district areas under one layer tab.
 - c. ANR has RCO data on their map(s).
- 4) Discussed the suggested discontinuance of Town Highway 7.
 - a. Town Highway 7 is on the books as a dead end “Class 4 Road in the northwest corner of Calais. It cuts through or otherwise abuts properties owned by Jill & Gary Schultz and Lumberjack LLC.
 - b. Reed Cherington reached out to the Planning Commission regarding a draft *Notice of Hearing and Site Inspection of Carr Road (T.H.#7)* from the Calais Seelectboard.
 - c. Speaking to the issue of discontinuance was Tom Blachly. The Calais Trails Committee asks that the town consider T.H. #7 reclassified as a trail, rather than completely discontinued.
 - d. Gary Root spoke of historical rationale for creating roads in town.
 - e. Melanie Kehne discussed the process by which “ancient roads” are discontinued.
 - f. John McCullough did a ZOOM screen-share where T.H. #7 was viewed on the town Webmap.
- 5) Discussed proposed FHO and RCO (Flood Hazard & River Corridor Overlay district) standards.
 - a. Made “final” corrections to Quick reference chart of FHO & RCO uses.
 - b. Accepted all other changes / recommendations to FHO /RCO from Ned Swanberg
- 6) Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm