

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION

March 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jan Ohlsson, Melanie Kehne, Gary Root, John McCullough

Guests: Zoning Administrator Bob Martin & Cemetery Commission member Fletcher Dean

- 1) Convened 7:05 p.m. @ Calais Town Hall
- 2) Discussed proposal for replacement fence at Old West Church Cemetery
 - a. Background: Per the Zoning Regs, some proposals for work in the Calais Design Control District can bypass a DRB review and proceed with the unanimous acceptance by the DAB and the PC. In this case, the DAB did not accept the proposal for granite posts with black plastic chains between them.
 - b. The PC discussed the seldom used mechanism where they weigh in on Historic District proposals. In the end, there was some agreement that a material other than granite might be better suited for the OWC Cemetery, in that the ground there is very shallow. Black locust was suggested as an alternative.
 - c. In conversation with the Cemetery Commissioner the following day, PC member McCullough suggested that the Cemetery Commission, the OWC Association and the DAB meet and hammer out a proposal that they all can agree on.
- 3) Discussion of ongoing sand excavation by Fairmont Farms Dairy at 6789 Rte 14. Agricultural exemption questioned. Also discussed was repealing Section 4.4, A), 2, in the Regs.
- 4) Discussed 15% and 20% grade slopes, and which are suitable for development and driveways. Reviewed Conservation Commission comments on this.
- 5) Meeting adjourned 9:00