

# CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION

## March 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Guests/visitors: Tom Blachly (Calais Trails Committee), Jake Aho & Sarah Black (new Calais residents)

Note: the March 1st Planning Commission meeting was cancelled. There are no minutes for March 1. Cancellation was given short notice. Gary Root did meet at the Town Hall with Tom Blachly and Michael Fullerton who arrived to discuss town road discontinuance policy and North Calais Village Center Designation, respectively.

- 1) Convened circa 7:00 via ZOOM
- 2) Election of Officers. By unanimous votes, Jan Ohlsson = Chair, Gary Root = Vice-chair, John McCullough = Clerk
- 3) During introductions by the meeting participants, it was learned that Sarah Black has GIS experience. The PC expressed some keenness in getting her involved with our little commission.
- 4) Question came up regarding protocol. Specifically, where is the Planning Commission obliged to post its meeting agendas?
- 5) Reviewed and approved February 15 minutes with the addition of an acknowledgement that the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) has the River Corridor Overlay (RCO) data that we want to see inserted in the RCO layer on the Calais Web map.
- 6) Agreed to accept the newly boundaries for the proposed North Calais Village Center Designation (VCD) and the Adamant revised VCD. Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development scheduled to review and vote on both these VCD nominations on March 28.
- 7) Continued the discussion of a suggested discontinuance of Town Highway 7 (TH 7).
  - a. Jan Ohlsson stated that discontinuance would permanently remove the possibility that the town could ever use TH 7 as a road at any point in the future.
  - b. Gary Root offered to reach out to the Chair of the Calais Selectboard regarding policy and procedures with regard to the discontinuance of town roads
- 8) For discussion at the April 5 PC Meeting is the definition of “structure” that the PC would like to see in the Calais Land Use and Subdivision Regulations.
- 9) Meeting adjourned 8:30-ish.