

# CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION

March 20, 2018 Approved Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Convened 7:00 p.m. @ Calais Town Office
- 2) Nominated and voted for Planning Commission (PC) Officers
  - a. Jan Ohlsson, Chair
  - b. Gary Root, Vice chair
  - c. John McCullough, Clerk
- 3) McCullough was reminded to contact Select Board (SB) Chair regarding another 4-year term on PC
- 4) It was observed that the PC should take a look at where the town is with regard to Action Items noted in the Town Plan.
- 5) Casual discussion re: regulation of “Commercial Events”. Gary Root was given task of looking into how other communities have dealt with this; e.g. Ordinance, Zoning Regs, etc.
  - a. Discussion touched on Conditional Uses vs. Permitted Uses in the consideration of Zoning Regs as a means to regulate “Events”.
- 6) Shoreland Overlay District conversation.
  - a. Discussed how **Vermont Shoreland Protection Act** (Vt SPA) works with Calais Town Regulations. Does DRB always defer to VT SPA in these matters? If Calais is more restrictive, what are the guidelines that a property owner has access to that might clearly describe the kinds of mitigation strategies or limitations that might be imposed on a proposal?
  - b. It was observed that even using accepted Best Management Practices (BMP) for shoreland development, the DRB and the state might differ on how these BMPs are used.
- 7) McCullough’s new moustache received a compliment.
- 8) It was agreed that the PC schedule a meeting with the SB and Conservation Commission members for the purpose of an informal review of the Calais Shoreland Overlay District (SHROD) standards that we have been working on. At next meeting, the PC will review SHROD and see if it’s ready for a primetime roll-out.
- 9) PC put together a “to do list”:
  - a. Melanie: sticky SHROD issues
  - b. Jan: SHROD standards in table form
  - c. Gary: proposals for regulating “events”
  - d. John: maps for the SHROD show
  - e. Ron: status of previous “to do lists”
- 10) 9:00 pm meeting adjourned.