

# CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION

## March 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Convened 7:00 p.m. @ Calais Town Office
- 2) Accepted the 032018 minutes
- 3) McCullough reported that he attended the Selectboard meeting of March 26 where he notified the SB of his willingness to serve another term on PC. Also, he reported that the SB recognized that they had to deal with changing the PC from a 7-member to a 5-member commission and he reminded them that Paul Rose has resigned from the PC. He left the SB meeting thinking that the SB understood all this.
- 4) Melanie Kehne's to-do task from last week relating to the Calais Shoreland Overlay District (SHROD) proposal was discussed. The PC discussed language that could clearly describe the regulatory relationship between the Calais Shoreland Overlay District and state Shoreland Protection Act (SPA), the main differences having to do with the jurisdictional boundaries of the two districts and the difference in lot coverage. Also, there was discussion regarding the existing Calais Shoreland District standard which has 150' from mean high water as the pond-side building setback vs. the SPA regulations which set 100' as a pond-side building setback. The PC tentatively agreed on 100', in the interest of keeping the differences between the SHROD and SPA to a minimum.
- 5) McCullough presented maps intended to show:
  - a. Jurisdictional extent of the existing Calais Shoreland standards
  - b. Jurisdictional extend of SPA
  - c. Jurisdictional extent of Proposed SHROD

Some of McCullough's work had mysteriously disappeared from the map of the existing Shoreland District. Also, with the proposed SHROD, the underlying districts have to be modified (extended to the edge of ponds). This was not shown on any of the maps. McCullough is going back to the drawing board to fix all this stuff for next week's meeting. The PC did agree that the cleanest way to handle underlying districts around Curtis was to have the Rural Residential District wrap around it, instead of extending either the Resource Recreation or Village Districts. The PC will review the extended boundaries of the North Calais Village District at the next PC meeting.
- 6) Ron Shaw reported that the PC had many action items in the 2016 Calais Town Plan which must be reviewed. It was noted that the SB and Conservation Commission also have action items in the Town Plan that also have to be discussed. The PC will review these action items at the next meeting or two.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.