

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION

April 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Convened 7 p.m. Delicious baked goods courtesy of Gary Root. Thank you.
- 2) Unanimously approved March 21, 2017 Minutes
- 3) Discussed proposed modifications (deletions of non-applicable articles) to Rules pertaining to conduct of the Planning Commission. Agreed to accept modified Rules.
- 4) Discussed the Online Town Map. It appears to no longer be fully functional. Parcels do not link to parcel & owner information. Text size is a problem. On the bright side, it does now look like it is based on the 2016 Tax Map. CVRPC map-person Pam DeAndrea will be contacted to deal with the problems.
- 5) Discussed Calais mapping protocols.
 - a. Draft language for standards for assessing the impact of specific types of changes to map data at the neighborhood and broader town-wide level are still being worked out.
 - b. It was proposed that Calais use the established statutory process requirements of 24 V.S.A Chapter 117, §§ 4384, 4385 and 4441-4447 for any / all changes to Town Plan and Land-Use Regs as the mechanism by which Map Data referenced in either the Town Plan or Land-Use Regs is adopted and/or changed.
 - c. Discussion regarding definition of "Inventoried" Natural Resources in the Town Plan (*Natural Resources, V. Regulatory Implementation, action item b.*), and a view towards defining a process consistent with the above mentioned statutory requirements.
- 6) Discussed Calais Shoreland District as a mechanism to preserve and protect water quality. The idea of creating a Water Quality Management Overlay District was floated. The idea is to create Zoning language in one section which would address water quality with respect to lakes of varying sizes, streams and wetlands currently spread around the Regs. It was suggested that the Shoreland District itself could be eliminated if water quality protection standards were at least as stringent as current State Shoreland and Town standards. This discussion is expected to continue through many PC meetings.
- 7) It was agreed that the PC will ask for some time on the SB agenda to update them on some of the current things that the PC is working on, such as the map approval issue.
- 8) Adjourned 9 p.m.