

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION

April 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Convened circa 7:15 @ Calais Town Hall
- 2) Discussion about exact language for Agricultural exemptions in Calais Land Use & Development Regulations.
- 3) Approved April 5 Minutes with inclusion of Ashley Adams last name where just Ashley was referenced.
- 4) Jan Ohlsson attended a CVRPC meeting where the problem of filling vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions was discussed. Woodbury actually saw increased interest in participating by younger citizens.
- 5) PC Rules of Procedure approved by unanimous vote.
- 6) Discussed the definition of "STRUCTURE"
 - a. Bennington definition of structure is the basic state accepted definition with a list of specific exemptions:

Structure: An assembly of materials on the land for occupancy or use, including but not limited to a building, mobile home or trailer, sign, wall or fence (see Exemptions under Section 9.2).

(2) Structures that are less than 8 feet in height, including fences or walls, which are not covered by a roof and are not intended as shelter or housing for persons, animals or materials; however, no fence, wall, hedge, shrubbery or other obstruction in excess of 3 feet in height, as measured above the nearest portion of the traveled way, shall be placed or allowed to grow at a street intersection in a manner that interferes with corner or sight distances for vehicular traffic, in accordance with Section 3.3.
 - b. McCullough (the current Calais Zoning Administrator) offered to look into this and discuss at next Planning Commission meeting.
- 7) Discussed using consistent language with regard to the words "Conversion" and "Change of Use".
 - a. Current Regs appear to use the two words interchangeably in different Sections.
 - b. Mccullough asks that "Change of Use" be that accepted term.
- 8) Meeting adjourned 9:12 p.m.