

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION

August 3, 2021 Minutes

Members Present: Jan Ohlsson, Melanie Kehne, John McCullough, and Gary Root (shortbread topped with lime glaze)

- 1) Convened circa 7:00 p.m. at the Calais Town Hall
- 2) No minutes to approve
- 3) Natural Resource Mapping
 - a. General agreement that the PDF maps provided by the Conservation Commission do not have practical value in that layers cannot be toggled on/off, and opaque layers piled one on top of another do not reveal data that may be buried under top layers. Also, many maps contain identical piles of identical graphic data. All this adds up to illegible data.
 - b. McCullough says he will create four maps which have the same data, but are more usable. Maps shall graphically describe 1) Connectivity Blocks with Road Crossings, 2) Interior Forest Blocks, 3) Physical Landscape Diversity Blocks and 4) Riparian Habitat, Connectors & Road Crossings
 - c. Reviewed Forest Integrity Town Plan language
- 4) Planning Commission reviewed and accepted a proposal by Bobic Van der Pyl for new roofing at 842 Old West Church Road (in Kents Corner Old West Church Design Advisory District). Proposal had been reviewed and accepted by the DAB earlier.
- 5) ZA Position
 - a. Melanie moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(3) to discuss the ZA position candidates, and Gary seconded. The motion passed 3-0-1 (John recused). PC came out of executive session shortly thereafter. No action was taken.
- 6) Designated Village Centers (DVC)
 - a. Some discussion of North Calais DVC and where its boundaries should be. Next meeting to review NC DVC and Adamant DVC with folks with interest in these parts of town.
 - b. McCullough says he'll have map graphics ready for this conversation.
- 7) Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.