

# CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION

August 17, 2021 Minutes

Members Present: Jan Ohlsson, Melanie Kehne, John McCullough

Guests: Rick Winston & Chris Cochran. Both guests were interested in the discussion of Designated Village Centers at Adamant and North Calais.

- 1) Convened circa 7:00 p.m. at the Calais Town Hall
- 2) Approved 08/03/21 Minutes with the inclusion of the Bobic vander Pyl roof replacement proposal in the KCOWC Design Advisory District.
- 3) Planning Commission announced a Special Meeting for August 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss the Zoning Administrator position.
- 4) Designated Village Centers (DVC)
  - a. A revised Adamant DVC which includes the Adamant Community Club was presented. Rick Winston acknowledged that it was a good idea and should have been done when Adamant first went for DVC.
  - b. A North Calais DVC map was presented. Chris Cochran had specific recommendations regarding a proposed boundary. He asked that the “beach” area along G.A.R. Road be included. He also informed the PC that DVC boundary lines do not have to follow property lines, and that the smaller the DVC, the better. The Planning Commission did not have any issues with his recommendations.
  - c. McCullough said he would put together some graphics showing the proposed boundaries of both DVCs and send them to Clare Rock (CVRPC) and Richard Amore (Vt DVC administrator) for their comments.
  - d. McCullough mentioned that a small part Kents Corner (the Kent Tavern and the Robinson Mill) may want to apply for DVC status. It may be a while before Kents Corner applies for DVC status, but a quick line in the Calais Town Plan would allow a future application to move forward within the specified process.
- 5) Natural Resource Mapping
  - a. Reviewed and accepted the four Forest Integrity maps prepared by McCullough:
    - i. Connectivity Blocks
    - ii. Interior Forest Blocks
    - iii. Physical Landscape Diversity Blocks
    - iv. Riparian Habitat and Crossings
- 6) Review of Forest Integrity language in Calais Town Plan
  - a. PC Member Gary Root could not attend tonight’s meeting. He will report at some other time on proposed language for Forest Integrity in the Calais Town Plan.
- 7) Meeting adjourned circa 8:45 p.m.