

## **Calais Planning Commission**

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2016

**Present Members:** Rich Quelch, Jack Russell, Paul Rose, John McCullough, Gary Root, and Janice Ohlsson.

*Meeting started at 7:00 PM - Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM - Recorded by Rich Quelch*

### **Zoning Regulation Proposed Changes**

- This year's proposed changes will not be on this year's Australian ballet

### **Town Plan**

- The new Town Plan now has regulatory language in it. It is now even more important to be sure the residents of Calais have a chance to vote on any future changes.

### **Town Meeting**

- The Planning Commission supports a process where public input is assured. We believe that by adding Town Plan revisions to the Australian Ballet, for vote, it will offer one more opportunity for public involvement.
- The Planning Commission supports a process that encourages opportunity for public input, when it comes to the Conservation Commission and conserving land.
- The Planning Commission supports a process that allows for Calais residents to review and to potentially object to discovered, identified, or to newly defined natural resources during the Natural Resource Inventory.

### **New Business**

- The Planning Commission discussed making some adjustments to their current process. The Planning Commission wants to be sure they continue to offer an opportunity for public input, which also allows the Planning Commission to properly and professionally respond to the stated concerns in regards to the Town Plan or Zoning Regulations.
- The Planning Commission discussed extending the 15 days of notifying Public Meetings and creating a window of opportunity to receive written concerns, which will receive the Planning Commission's proper review and consideration.
- It was also noted that each concern will be properly recorded and responded to, in order to be sure duplicate efforts for the same concern is minimal.
- Not only will these changes in procedure empower the individuals with the concerns, but it will also aid the Select Board in determining how each issue was addressed.