

Calais Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2012

Present: Rich Quelch, Peter Brough, John McCullough, Jack Russell, Melanie Kehne, and Gary Root.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

Review & Voting

Planning Commission Yearly Calendar & Processes

Gary made a motion to accept the calendar as we have been practicing.

Melanie seconded motion.

All attending members agreed in voice vote. (6-0-0)

Planning Commission Rules of Procedure and Ethics

Gary made a motion to accept the Calais Planning Commission's written Rules of Procedure and Ethics, as written and currently practiced.

Peter seconded motion.

All attending members agreed in voice vote. (6-0-0)

Planning Commission Officers

Chair

Gary made a motion to nominate Jack as Chair.

Melanie seconded the motion.

All attending members agreed in voice vote. (6-0-0)

Vise Chair

Melanie made a motion to nominate Gary as Vise Chair.

John seconded the motion.

All attending members agreed in voice vote. (6-0-0)

Secretary

Gary made a motion to nominate Rich as Secretary.

Melanie seconded the motion.

All attending members agreed in voice vote. (6-0-0)

Proposed Changes to Zoning

Calais Planning Commission is currently waiting on Seth Jensen before proceeding.

Mapping Committee

- Mapping Software Company does not sell to citizens at discounted cost.
- Could help Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission with updating maps to help purchase software at discounted cost.
- Will discuss further with Dan Currier.

Permit Application

- Discussed the permit application process and what is needed on the application.
- Online map could improve process.

Agriculture Group

- Identify problems they are having and look for solutions as a group
- Issues
 - o Access to capital
 - o Over regulation
 - o Raw milk
 - o Onsite slaughter
- What is role the Town can play?
- The Planning Commission can change regulations so that Farmer Markets do not fall into Conditional Use

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Minutes from the February 21st meeting and the March 6th meeting were approved, without change, by voice vote. (6-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm
Quelch

Minutes recorded by Rich