

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

August 27, 2024 Minutes

Meeting via ZOOM

PC Members Present: Jarrod Weiss, Melanie Kehne, John McCullough, Kathy Hentcy, and

1. Meeting convened around 7:10 p.m.
2. Transportation Section of Town Plan (TP)
 - a. Discussed “financial equity” of a local transportation plan that focuses on roads and a “one car – one driver” mentality.
 - b. Quick review of draft on Google Docs?
3. Discussed final document formatting options
 - a. Are TP “goals” formatted as a table and do they appear after subsection language or are they in one larger table at the end of the section? It was agreed that this question would be answered as: it depends on the length of the section and the number of subsections. The goal is a document that is as easy to read and understand as possible
4. Housing Section in TP
 - a. Some ideas for increasing housing include expanding “Village Zoning Districts (no minimum lot size & 64’ road frontage).
 - b. “affordable” is equated with “subsidized”
 - c. What is the impact on housing (on existing stock and the future of new development if and when the school closes.
5. Kathy Hentcy is doing “clean versions of TP sections as they are written. She expressed the need for Microsoft WORD so she can take 2016 TP sections (already in WORD) and modify them as well as retain the=at earlier formatting.
 - a. John McCullough suggested that may the Zoning Administrator computer in the Town Office might be used. Assistant Town Clerk Barbara Butler will be contacted regarding this.
6. John McCullough announced that minutes before this PC Meeting commenced, he sent out unapproved minutes from August 16 meeting. These minutes will probably be reviewed at September 3 meeting?
7. Some discussion of scheduling a meeting with Melanie Kehne & John McCullough and Larry Bush and Neal Maker (both from Calais Conservation Commission) to look at the regulatory aspects of the TP in Natural Resource Section.
8. It was mentioned that a vote regarding Calais Elementary School closure by WCUUSD board may be in September or October.
9. Meeting adjourned 8:20