

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

July 2, 2024 Minutes

PC Members Present: Jarrod Weiss, Melanie Kehne, Gary Root, Vicky Arthur, John McCullough, Rachel Seelig & Kathy Hentcy

1. Meeting convened around 7:07 p.m.
2. Jarrod Weiss informed the PC that he had a two-year contract as principal of Calais Elementary School.
3. Brownies baked by Gary Root.
4. Minutes
 - a. June 4 & 18 Minutes approved
 - b. McCullough submitted previously approved minutes to Sara Black for posting on Town website.
5. With regard to the Education section of the Calais Town Plan, Rachel Seelig discussed the "Public School Meeting" (Washington Central Unified Union School District (WCUUSD)) Strategic Planning meeting? Community forum?) Dates?
 - a. Consolidation/Reconfiguration of physical resources to be informed by WCUUSD Mission and Core Beliefs.
 - b. Probable that Consolidation/Reconfiguration will not solve \$ issues and tax rates
 - c. Some voiced, "We cannot lose our schools".
 - d. Some Consolidation Reconfiguration issues are outside the scope of the Calais Town Plan.
6. PC agreed that next meeting would be on August 6.
7. Curtis Pond Dam reconstruction project ribbon cutting on July 2 was a well-attended community event
8. Smart Growth
 - a. Discussed the problems (Water and Wastewater disposal) which currently limit concentrating development in existing villages.
 - b. McCullough said he would provide Grand List data for number of single-family dwellings to Melanie Kehne
9. Calais Conservation Commission is drawing up their own map "High and Highest Priority" Forest Blocks? Habitat Blocks". To supersede, override State of Vermont "Priority Blocks"?
10. Discussed organizing publicly viewable TP sections so document starts to read as a whole.
11. Meeting adjourned circa 8:45 pm