

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

September 2, 2025 Minutes

Calais Town Hall

PC Members: Jarrod Weiss, Melanie Kehne, Vicky Arthur, Rachel Seelig & John McCullough

Attending via ZOOM: Kathy Hentcy

Guest: Neal Maker (Calais Conservation Commission (CC) chair)

1. Meeting convened circa 7:00 p.m.
2. No Agenda Additions
3. Minutes – Aug 19 Minutes approved by consensus
4. Town Plan-Natural Environment Section discussion
 - a. Define goals
 1. Niki Sabado (Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC)) Land Use & Community Planner and Brian Voigt (CVRPC Program Manager) are scheduled to present an ACT 181 overview on Oct 21 PC meeting.
 - b. Prioritize resources. eg: grassland bird habitat vs. riparian habitat? Wildlife crossings vs. Physical Landscape Diversity Blocks? Highest Priority Connectivity Blocks vs. regular Priority Connectivity Blocks.
 - i. Neal Maker suggested that some on the CC regard all Natural Environment elements are high priority.
 - c. Emphasized the importance of clear / legible mapping
5. Town Plan & how it relates to future work on Land Use and Development Regulations (Regs)
 - a. McCullough and others to start piecing together a list of possible changes to the Regs that might advance the goals of the Town Plan.
6. Meeting adjourned 8:40