

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

Sept 3, 2024 Minutes

Meeting via ZOOM

PC Members Present: Jarrod Weiss, Vicky Arthur, Melanie Kehne, Rachel Seelig, John McCullough, Kathy Hentcy, & Gary Root (via ZOOM). Guest attendee = Jeff Fannon

1. Meeting convened around 7:10 p.m.
2. Minutes
 - a. Accepted August 27 as amended
 - b. August 6 tabled until Sept 3 meeting
3. Traffic calming strategies in East Calais village. Jarrod Weiss reported that Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) Senior Transportation Planner, Reuben MacMartin, was very busy dealing with July 2024 flooding issues and maybe could update the PC in September
4. Kathy Hentcy is working on “clean drafts” of Town Plan (TP) sections. Among these are *Economic Development, Recreation Resources, and Smart Growth*.
5. Vicki Arthur discussed *Flood Resilience* section.
 - a. Per Goal 1 outlined in 2016 TP, Curtis Pond Dam rehabilitation is currently underway and may no longer be an issue, and beaver dam monitoring is an ongoing fact of life in Calais
 - b. Per Goal 2, the 2024 changes to the Calais Land Use and Development regulations (Regs) have addressed most goal targets. Note: references to Fluvial Erosion Hazard (FHE) areas are out and references are now made to River Corridors.
 - c. Goal 3 regarding Stormwater management is ongoing. 2024 Regs do set new standards for erosion control in private development.
 - d. Goal 4 ongoing. Note that Letter of Map Change and Letter of Map Amendment (LOMC & LOMA) processing is now all online and paper applications should be removed from Town Office.
 - e. Significant Hazard Dams in Calais listed by the state include those found in East Calais, Elmslie pond, Maple Corner and #10 Pond.
6. PC to get other “clean drafts” of sections on Website.
7. Jeff Fannon asked about ability to review edited “redlined” sections to compare versions. Pc said both “clean” and redlined would be available.
8. John McCullough said he is going to provide Cartographic Associates, Inc (CAI) with maps representing 2024 changes to the Regs. He said he would also talk to Reed Cherington about Calais walking trail network and including them on Calais Town Webmap.
9. Adjourned circa 8:30