

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

April 2, 2024 Minutes

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

1. Meeting convened 7:00 p.m.
2. Introductions to newest PC member Kathy Hentcy
3. Dessert brought by Gary: something with sweet gooey glazing on it
4. Approved 3/19 Minutes with spelling correction
5. Discussed *Historic Resources* section drafted by John McCullough
 - a. McCullough asked to make his use of the definition of “traditional / historic settlement patterns” in line with the state of Vermont’s definition for the same. Respect for “traditional and historic settlement patterns” is something that is expected by the state. The phrase is intended to describe growth in village centers and not so much housing and farmsteads loosely interspersed.
 - b. Revised *Historic Resources* section to be forwarded to the Calais Historic Preservation Commission.
6. Gary Root shared his draft of *Transportation* section
 - a. Need for bike paths
 - b. Discussed traffic problems at Rte 14 in East Calais village.
 - c. Also, problems with Rte 14 at Lightning Ridge and Max Grey Road intersections.
 - d. Some recollection of a traffic study done many years ago which addressed “traffic calming” strategies.
 - e. Reference to Vermont Agency of Transportation document (2023) “Complete Streets Guidance” as a tool to assist in *Transportation* section.
7. Discussed the means by which the growing draft of Town Plan rewrite can be viewed by public and comments attached.
8. Dates: May 16 finalize *Historic Resources* and *Transportation*
9. May 7 = *Economic Development*
10. Meeting adjourned 9 pm.