

**CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)**  
**February 18, 2024 Minutes**  
**Special public meeting to discuss Town Plan (TP) rewrite**

Calais Town Hall

PC Members Present: Jan Ohlsson, Melanie Kehne, Gary Root, Vicki Arthur, Jarrod Weiss and John McCullough

Guests: attach sign-up sheet for complete list of attendees

1. Convened 1 p.m.
2. Welcome w/ Planning Commission member introductions.
  - a. Gary Root started with discussion of what a Town Plan (TP):
    - i. Aspirational
    - ii. Regulatory weight with respect to ACT 250
    - iii. Necessary for municipal grants
    - iv. TP requires Selectboard approval, not town-wide vote
  - b. Jan Ohlsson introduced TP sections
    - i. History & Demographics
    - ii. Map & Zoning Districts
    - iii. Housing
    - iv. Economic Development
    - v. Agriculture
    - vi. Natural Resources & Conservation
    - vii. Historic Resources
    - viii. Municipal Services
    - ix. Energy
    - x. Transportation
    - xi. Education
    - xii. Recreation
3. All in attendance were invited get up and wander around and to put their ideas/visions/concerns via post-it notes on sheets for the 12 aforementioned TP sections.
4. The group, once again seated, was asked to discuss their ideas/visions/concerns.
  - a. PC asked what a prioritized list might look like
    - i. Vibrant Villages
    - ii. Businesses
    - iii. Traffic calming on Rt. 14 thru East Calais
5. Meeting concluded 3 pm. Results of post-it note exercise to be written up and posted on Town Website