

CALAIS PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

May 21, 2024 Minutes

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

Guest = Selectboard Member Jordan Keyes

1. Meeting convened around 7:10 p.m.
2. Oatmeal raisin?
3. Approved May 7th Minutes
4. Some discussion carried over from a meeting an hour earlier with several members of the Selectboard and Town Administrator Kari Bradley regarding Regulatory Guidance in the Town Plan (TP).
5. East Calais Traffic
 - a. PC Chair Jarrod Weisse and Calais Town Administrator Kari Bradley earlier in the month met with Reuben MacMartin, Senior Transportation Planner at CVRPC to learn about options for traffic calming and safety in East Calais Village.
 - b. Jordan Keyes asked who takes the lead on this traffic stuff? What might be implemented asap vs. what is outlined in the TP?
 - c. Danville, Vermont (with steady cross-state traffic on U.S. Route 2) cited as a traffic calming success.
6. Economic Development
 - a. Some discussion of appropriate nomenclature i.e. “robust”, “resilient”, “sustainable”, etc.
7. Affordable Housing
 - a. Some general discussion.
 - b. Gary Root suggests that TP language on Affordable Housing should be directed at making the Calais Land Use and Development Regulations (Regs) “simpler” so that it does not impede growth.
 - c. Also, discussed was the high cost in the legal and engineering fees that are associated with development that is more than a single-family dwelling.
8. Meeting adjourned about 9 pm