

CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION (CPC)

Regular Meeting

February 15, 2016

Location: Cornwall Fire Station, Route 30

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Anderson, Holly Noordsy, Jim Duclos, Jean Terwilliger, Jamie McKenna, Bobbi Carnwath

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Barnett

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Quorum - established

AGENDA – Jim D. MOVED /Jean T. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed - 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES – January 18, 2017

Jean T. MOVED / David A. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes thus amended: modify third sentence under Municipal Planning Grant Update to read, “The CPC has authorized the subcommittee of Holly N., David A. and Jamie M. to decide which of the bids to select.” Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Bobbi C.).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The March meeting of the Development Review Board (DRB) is scheduled for the first Wednesday in March, rather than the fourth Wednesday. Gary Barnett said the board had not yet decided whether the first Wednesday is to be an ongoing date for DRB meetings or not.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Update on Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) invitation for bids** –two bids have been submitted to the CPC, one from Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ADRPC) and one from Land Works. A minimum of two bids is required, because the grant is over \$10,000. February 22 was set as the date for a special meeting to discuss and decide between the two bids. Jean will call references. Holly will facilitate the meeting warning.
- **CPC/CCC meeting with Jens Hilke to discuss Community at Values Mapping** –confirmed for March 15 at 6pm.
- **CPC master calendar utilizing Google Calendar** - Jean has created and invited members to utilize.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion of energy planning and Act 174 with Energy Coordinator, Gary Barnett**
Gary B. reviewed the two approaches Towns may take regarding Act 174. In order for the Town to receive “substantial deference” as an intervener in

applications that come before the Public Service Board, the Town would have to meet 14 pages of requirements. Gary B. said that he is “of the mind” to pursue this approach.

ACRPC will have a meeting after they get Addison County mapping done, for Towns that want to proceed. Gary B. reported that the Town of New Haven is well into the process. He has spoken with Jim Walsh from the New Haven Select Board. New Haven’s new Town Plan is on the Town website.

Gary B. doubts that voluntary rooftop installations will be enough to meet state energy goals. Cornwall is a PACE town, but residents are not using this program, to finance residential renewable energy options. Gary B. hopes to get large map of Cornwall showing all houses, put info from the Energy Atlas onto it, and then add anything still missing, so there is a complete inventory of renewables present at this time. Gary B. thinks Cornwall will need to identify a site or sites for 150-kilowatt installation(s), if the Town decides to take the approach leading to “substantial deference” in PSB hearings.

The CPC agreed to establish a work group to review the State requirements and to recommend whether or not to move forward on the work of meeting them. CPC members Bobbie C. and Jean T. volunteered for the work group, together with Gary B., Cornwall’s Energy Coordinator.

- **Consideration of DRB input on proposed application and permit fees** – tabled for discussion at later meeting.
- **Development of rationale to support proposed application and permit fees** – tabled for discussion at later meeting. Holly will work on the rationale descriptions.
- **Update on definitions and conditions related to Home Based Businesses provided by the Zoning Administrator.** Jim D. reported that he spoke with both businesses in question and that no further action by the Town is needed at this time.
- **Review of “Town Plans That Matter” webinar** – tabled for discussion at a later meeting.

Holly N. MOVED /David A. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the CPC