

CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2010
Cornwall Town Hall

Attendees: Tracy Himmel Isham, Geoff Demong, Jim Bolton, Annie Wilson, Holly Noordsy, Mike Brinkman

Guests: Jim Duclos

The minutes of this meeting, once adopted, constitute the final order of the Planning Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Quorum established.

MINUTES

It was moved/seconded to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010 as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Rt 30 / Rt 74 Intersection

Richard Kehne, Transportation Planner from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission has provided the Town with a copy of the proposed layout for improvements to the Rt 30 / Rt 74 intersection and has asked for comments and suggested changes within 4 weeks. Richard K. has been working with Kevin Locke, the VTrans project manager, on ways to improve safety at the intersection without going out of the existing right of way footprint and without causing problems for large trucks turning. The proposal adds a paved shoulder at the turn from Rt 30 north onto Rt 74 and creates a single lane of one-way traffic for turns from Rt 30 onto Rt 74 and also from Rt 74 onto Rt 30. After reviewing and discussing the plan, the CPC would like Richard K. to pass on the following comments for Kevin Locke.

1. Regarding the location of the stop sign as drivers approach Rt 30 from Rt 74 - the new location of the stop sign is more visible, but why was the other stop sign closer to Rt 30 taken away? Will a driver stop at the first stop sign, and then not stop again as he/she enters Rt 30 going south? We suggest that something be added (another stop sign?) that makes it clear that drivers need to come to a full stop at the junction before entering Rt 30.
2. Proposed changes are an improvement, but it is still a dangerous intersection. Recommend a speed advisory sign to slow traffic down, or anything else that can be done.
3. We have a concern about the proximity of the turning lane for vehicles coming from Rt 30 north turning onto Rt 74 to the part of the lane used by vehicles turning north onto Rt 30 from Rt 74. If drivers entering Rt 74 turn a bit wide, they could hit a vehicle waiting to turn onto Rt 30 going north. Suggest yellow slash lines in a painted triangle that forces drivers coming up Rt 74 to come to Rt 30 at a "T".

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Duclos, Assistant Zoning Administrator, is here to talk with the CPC about his interest in the Zoning Administrator position soon to be vacant. Mike Brinkman is stepping down as ZA and is willing to serve as Assistant ZA. Jim D. is a builder whose expertise in building makes him well qualified to be a zoning administrator. Jim D. wondered what he should do if he encountered any conflict of interest issues. The board told him, if he sensed a potential conflict of interest for any matter, he should come to the planning commission to discuss. Jim D. told the board that he has read over the Town zoning regulations and would be proud to enforce such excellent regulations. Mike Brinkman pointed out that the regulations allow that boundary line adjustments can be done independently by the ZA or can be brought before the Planning Commission. Mike B. has preferred to bring them before the Planning Commission. Mike B. said that it has been very helpful for him to be both the ZA and a member of the Planning Commission. The ZA can hold two positions in the town and it is part of the job of the ZA to go to the Planning Commission meetings monthly. Jim's email is jduclos@shoreham.net

It was moved/seconded that the CPC recommend to the Selectboard that they appoint Jim Duclos as Zoning Administrator. The motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Tracy Himmel Isham has the mylar of the final plat for the Gorton subdivision. Before signing, the CPC will examine to compare with final approved plat. Because of the stipulated conditions, the CPC may need an engineer to stipulate that the infrastructure is satisfactory before the first building permit is issued.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Tierra, CPC Secretary