

Approved November 16, 2016

**CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION (CPC)**

Regular Meeting, Town Hall

October 19, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Quorum - established

**AGENDA:** David MOVED /Bobbie SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion passed – 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

**MINUTES:**

- August 17, 2016 - Jamie MOVED/David SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed 1 abstained (not present at August meeting).
- September 21, 2016 - Dave MOVED/Jean SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes with the following changes:
  - David reported on the municipal planning grant, not Holly.
  - The Board “revisited” the idea of a recreation inventory, not “discussed”. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 2 abstained (not present at the September meeting).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **The temporary meeting place** is the meeting room in the Fire Station at the corner of Sperry Road and Route 30. Holly N. asked Sharon Tierra to note the new location on agendas.
- **Vermont League of Cities and Towns Fall Planning and Zoning Forum** –scheduled for November 2 in Montpelier. Town covers costs for CPC members to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Fees** – After a discussion of fees and issues related to fees, Bobbie agreed to draft a proposal of changes to the current fee schedule for the CPC to review at the next meeting, and then pass on as a recommendation to the Select Board
- **Report on Community Values Mapping** – Jamie M. said the turnout was large with 70 in attendance. Facilitator Jens Hilke said the Cornwall turnout it was the highest number in the towns where he has presented community values mapping. His report is expected by Town Meeting Day. Community members, as well as the students during their school event, were very engaged in process and achieved a tangible result. Current

and past members of the Select Board, Planning Commission, Conservation Commission, and Recreation Committee participated in this event.

- **Municipal Planning Grant Update** – Holly N. reported that the draft has come back from Claire Tebbs and that she responded to Claire T. with comments. Cornwall can ask for a waiver if the RFP process is a hardship. Normally, grants over \$10,000 require a RFP process. Clair T. is recommending an application for \$18,500 for an update and merger of zoning and subdivision bylaws in compliance with the Town Plan. Waiver request needs to be filed with the application, due October 31. Dave A. agreed to draft the waiver request.
- **Update on Recreation Committee Discussion**- Holly N. said that she and committee Chair Annie have not connected
- **Hodges Solar application** - Holly N. attended the Select Board meeting last night. She reminded the Select Board of the role of the Planning Commission to review solar applications for criteria such as soils, scenic views, decommissioning, wildlife corridors, lot coverage, access road, and endangered species. The Select Board will facilitate a site visit by the CPC. Jean, Jim, Bobbie will be the working group. The CPC only has until the end of October to make comments on this application.
- **Discussion of Zoning** – tabled until a later meeting.
- **Swamp road update** – Holly N. shared what was discussed at last night's Select Board meeting regarding the removal of the bridge and plans for the temporary bridge. She did convey the CPC's hope that the replacement bridge will be a covered bridge.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Energy Update** – Bobbie C. reported that Act 174 mandates that Vermont towns have to have comprehensive energy plans that are separate from the Town Plan and in place by 2018. Bobbie will call Fran Putnam from Town of Weybridge to see what that town has done on this issue. Bobbie will send out George Gross's presentation to the Town of Shoreham on Act 174 to CPC members.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the CPC