

Approved July 17, 2019

CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION (CPC)

Regular Meeting, Cornwall Town Hall

June 19, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Conor Stinson, Al Thalen Jr, Josh Stearns, Don Burns

ALSO PRESENT: AJ Vasiliou, Andrew L'Roe, Barbara Greenwood, Shari Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Quorum - established

AGENDA - Josh S. MOVED / Al T. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda with addition two items - meeting with potential new member, AJ Vasiliou, and summary from Don Burns about Municipal Planning training he attended. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES

- **May, 2019** - Al T. MOVED / Josh S. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes with two typos corrected. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - none.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Note from Cornwall Conservation Commission - will be discussed under New Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

OLD BUSINESS

- **LUDR update** - Conor S. reported that the Select Board has scheduled a hearing on the proposed Land Use and Development Regulations on Thursday, June 27 at 7pm. He encouraged that as many CPC members as possible attend. Conor S. also reported that the Select Board has been in touch with Sarah Pelkey from LandWorks regarding ways the regulations could be simplified to make them more user friendly.
- **Flood Resilience Conversation with Andrew L'Roe, special guest from Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC)** - Andrew L'Roe, emergency planner at ACRPC, presented information on reasons for towns in Vermont to choose to have a Town Plan, requirements for approval by the ACRPC, information about the newly required Flood Resilience and Hazard Mitigation section of the Town Plan, options for scope of the content for this section, key considerations for municipal planners in drafting this section, a color coded map of Surface Water, Wetlands, and Flood Hazard in Cornwall. Andrew L. also provided information about planning services that ACRPC can provide to the CPC, including writing and administering municipal planning grants.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Conservation Commission Concerns** - Mary Dodge conveyed the concerns of the Conservation Commission (CCC) regarding the special features overlay of the LUDR. The CCC noticed that in the proposed LUDR require that special features overlay standards apply only to major subdivisions and not to minor subdivisions that represent most development in Cornwall. Conor S. said that the decision to have special features overlay standards apply only to major subdivisions was the result of community feedback that changes to Town regulations be more incremental.
- **Potential New Member** - AJ Vasiliou introduced herself to the Board, and provided information about her background, interest, and availability to fill a vacant seat on the CPC. Josh S. MOVED / Don B. SECONDED a motion to recommend that the Select Board appoint AJ Vasiliou to the CPC. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.
- **Vermont League of Cities and Towns training** - Don Burns attended the Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2019 spring planning and zoning forum this week. He shared some highlights with the Board, including what he learned about the Vermont Environmental Court, municipal planning grants, and the 2019 legislative wrap-up.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Next Steps - Town Plan update** - The Board agreed to focus first on Flood Resiliency (and not attempt to draft the section on Forest Fragmentation at the same time). Conor S. asked all members to read the Cornwall Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Cornwall Local Emergency Operations Plan before the next meeting.
- **Next Meeting - scheduled for July 17**

Josh S. MOVED / Don B. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the CPC