

Approved August 19, 2020

CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION (CPC)

Regular Meeting, via Teleconference

July 22, 2020

Note: All Cornwall Planning Commission meetings will be via teleconference until further notice.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Conor Stinson, Don Burns, AJ Vasiliou

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm.

Quorum - established

AGENDA - Don B. MOVED / AJ V. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed - 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES

- **June 24, 2020**- Don B. MOVED /AJ V. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed - 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Don B. and ConorS. attended the joint meeting of the Select Board and CPC last night (July 21). See details in LUDR update below.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW - none

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

OLD BUSINESS

- **Land Use Development Regulations (LUDR) update** - At the July 21 joint meeting of the Select Board and CPC, Conor S. and Don B. discussed with the Select Board how to move forward with reviewing and updating Cornwall's regulations given the reduced capacity of the current CPC. Not only are there two vacant seats on the CPC, but the level of active participation is also an obstacle. Conor S. and Don B. explained that the CPC needs more time to staff up with members who are willing and able to devote the time and energy it will take to review and update the Town Plan and the Town regulations. The Select Board offered to help by drafting an interim update to the Town regulations, using the current zoning/subdivision regulations and drafting an update that incorporates key improvements that were suggested and provided in writing by former Zoning Administrator Jim Duclos during the LUDR drafting process. Don B. will act as liaison to this drafting process by the Select Board. AJ V. agreed that, given the CPC work capacity at this time, this is the only way to move forward with any update of the Town regulations. If the CPC approves the aforementioned draft, it will then go through the usual statutory process, including a public hearing.

- **Flood Resilience** - AJ V. has the second draft of an introduction to the Flood Resilience section ready for CPC review, but has been unable to send to the other commission members because of issues with her internet service at home. She said she would be able to send it out from her work computer tomorrow. Board will discuss at the August meeting.
- **Membership** - it was agreed that the CPC needs a minimum of two more active members in order to do its work. Front Porch Forum, the Cornwall newsletter, and direct contact will all be utilized for recruitment. Goal is to have at least one interested person attend next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Conservation Fund Study Group - Don B. reported that he attended the Conservation Commission meeting today, by invitation. He learned that about 50 towns in Vermont have some sort of conservation fund. The plan of the conservation study group is to gather information and promote the idea of a conservation fund for Cornwall and to have an article to vote on at the next Town Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Town Plan Reading Group - on pause until membership increases.

ADJOURNMENT

AJ V. MOVED / Don B. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed - 3 in favor, 0 opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the CPC