

Approved February 16, 2022

## **CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION (CPC)**

Regular Meeting

Cornwall Town Hall and via Teleconference

January 19, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Conor Stinson, Don Burns, Marge Drexler, Drew Kervick, A.J. Vasiliou, Lauren Ringey

Recording of the meeting announced.  
The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.  
Quorum - established

**AGENDA** - Drew K. MOVED / Don B. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as posted.  
***Motion passed - unanimously, by voice vote/show of hands.***

### **MINUTES**

- **December 21, 2021** - Drew K. MOVED / Lauren R. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. ***Motion passed - unanimously, by voice vote/show of hands.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- People running for local positions in 2022 do not need to gather signatures on a petition, and will only need to fill out a form.
- Public meetings can resume being fully remote with no requirement to have someone physically at the meeting place.
- The CPC annual report was submitted to Sue J. last week.
- Towns spending less than 1 million dollars in ARPA funds are not restricted in how the money is spent. So a small town like Cornwall is free to decide at the local level about how best to spend ARPA funds.

### **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Comments were received from the Select Board, Development Review Board (DRB), Conservation Commission (CCC), and Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) on the drafted Housing and Population sections and on the Forest Fragmentation draft. Mary Dodge also provided feedback on the Housing section draft as a citizen of Cornwall. See discussion in Town Plan Update Comments below.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Town Plan Update Comments**

- **Population / Housing** - the CPC discussed the comments from the Select Board, DRB, CCC, ACRPC and Mary Dodge at length. It was agreed to add a disclaimer regarding the fact that this update was conducted during the Covid-19 pandemic. Consensus was that information about Maple Broadband would best be placed in the Utility section and that language be obtained from Magna Dodge to describe this broadband initiative. Marge D. will revise the Population section draft according to changes discussed tonight.
- **Forest Fragmentation.** Detailed responses were received from ACRPC, the DRB, and the CCC, including comments from all of them that the goals could have "more teeth." The CCC proposed some language to use regarding the goals in this section. It was agreed that more time is needed to review and respond to the suggestions from the DRB and CCC, and to make a decision at a later date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Economy and Education Sections - tabled
- Review work plan for next steps - tabled

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Marge D. will revise the Population section draft.
2. Each CPC member will send their comments to the other CPC members via email regarding the suggestions from the CCC, DRB, ACRPC, and Select Board. Do not reply to all, as this email communication is for information only and not for discussion. Discussion will take place in the next public meeting, in accordance with Open Meeting laws.

## **Next meetings:**

- February 2, as a working session to discuss the Economy and Education sections and the goal section of Forest Fragmentation
- Regular meeting: February 16

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Drew K. MOVED /Marge D. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion passed - unanimously, by voice vote/show of hands.***

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the CPC