

Approved April 13, 2022

CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION (CPC)

Regular Meeting

Cornwall Town Hall and via Teleconference

March 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Conor Stinson, Don Burns, Marge Drexler, Drew Kervick, Katherine Branch

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Marks, Sue Johnson

Recording of the meeting announced.

FIRST MEETING ORGANIZATION

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by the Town Clerk
- Quorum - established
- Elect Chair - Marge D. MOVED / Drew K. SECONDED a motion to elect Conor Stinson as Chair of the CPC. **Motion passed** - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Set regular meeting schedule - Drew MOVED / Katherine B. SECONDED a motion to set the regular meeting schedule as the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7 pm. **Motion passed** - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Meeting rules - Katherine B. MOVED / Marge D. SECONDED a motion to adopt Roberts Rules for CPC meetings. **Motion passed** - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Paper of record - Don B. MOVED / Drew K. SECONDED a motion to use the Addison Independent as the paper of record. **Motion passed** - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

AGENDA - Drew K. MOVED / Katherine B. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as posted. **Motion passed** - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES

February 16, 2022 - Don B. MOVED / Marge D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes (version #2) as posted. **Motion passed** - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone welcomed Katherine Branch as the newest member of the CPC. She was appointed by the Select Board at their meeting last night to fill the vacancy on the commission, until Town Meeting in 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Notice about an upcoming presentation by Will Amidon, "Cornwall Rocks! Exploring Cornwall's Landscape and Geology," scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 7-8 pm on Zoom. Expected to be outstanding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ben Marks reminded the CPC that there will be a joint meeting of the citizens of Cornwall and Salisbury on April 7, during which the 3 possible designs for replacing the Swamp Road bridge will be presented. It is the hope that the meeting will result in options being narrowed from three to two. That meeting will be followed by mailed survey so that people from both towns can weigh in on their preferences. Ben M. also said that last night the Select Board discussed possibilities for the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds, including a recreational trail, expansion of Otter Creek Childcare Center, Maple Broadband, a solar project, digitizing of land records, replacing the salt and sand shed, and responding to recent requests for ARPA funds from the Turning Point Center and John Graham Shelter.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Public Information Meeting (PIM)** - scheduled for March 23, to present information to the public about Forest Fragmentation, Population, and Housing sections - see action items below
- **Education Section** - Drew K. reported that the draft of the education section is in process and will have a rough draft ready for the next meeting in April.
- **Economy Section** - Don B. and Conor S. have been working on this. Don B. asked John Roberts to review the current Economy section in relation to agriculture in Cornwall. The agricultural business list has been updated and the names of about 50 non-agricultural businesses in Cornwall obtained.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Next Meeting - April 13** (moved from 3rd Wednesday to 2nd Wednesday to ensure a quorum)
- **Training from Addison County Regional Planning Commission** - possible dates are April 27 or May 4
- **Work session** - pencil in April 6 for this session.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Monday, March 21 at 8 on Zoom - a meeting to prepare for the PIM
2. Notice about PIM - post to Front Porch Forum as soon as possible.
3. Add map of conserved properties to Power Point for PIM.
4. Don B. will share the Power Point prior to the PIM.
5. Marge D. expects the census data to be out on March 17.
6. Don B. and Marge D. will review the goals in the next week, Conor S. will review, in preparation for the work session.

ADJOURNMENT

Drew K. MOVED / Katherine B. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion passed -*** 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.
Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the CPC