

CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION (CPC)

Agenda

Regular Meeting

17 April 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

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Call to Order

Establish Quorum

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes

- March 20, 2024

Announcements

Correspondence Review

Public Comments

Old Business

- Previous meeting Action Items (see list below)
- Town Plan Action Items (see list below)

New Business

- Discussion of current Cornwall Zoning Regulations pages 26-65
 - Update from Katherine regarding 2019 draft Zoning and Subdivision Regulations
- Discussion of conversation with Ben Marks regarding speed and traffic calming measures
- Update from Lauren regarding prior work done on childcare issues
- Update from Conor regarding Recreation Committee ideas around trail development

Other Business

Adjournment

Action Item Lists for Reference

Previous Meeting Action Items

- Meeting Chair for May is Lauren Ringey
- Meeting Chair should add Town Plan action item review to agenda
- Agenda to be sent out 7 days before each meeting
- Add traffic update based on conversation with Ben Marks to April meeting agenda
- All CPC members read remaining Zoning Regulations (pages 26-65)
- Lauren to present prior work on childcare issues at April meeting
- Add discussion of Subdivision Regulations to the May meeting agenda
- Add discussion of updated Vermont Conservation Design to the May meeting agenda
- Conor to reach out to Recreation Committee regarding trail creation possibilities
- Katherine to review 2019 draft Zoning and Subdivision Regulations for information relevant to the 2024 update effort

Town Plan Action Items

- A.1: Promote and support affordable and workforce housing (Chet & Mickey)
 - In Progress
- B.1: Review and propose appropriate zoning regulations to ensure that clear and practical definitions for “home-based business” and “home occupation” are included
 - Pending Zoning Regulations revision
- C.1: Review Zoning Regulations and assess opportunities to increase housing densities in village and medium density residential areas consistent with historical settlement patterns
 - Pending Zoning Regulations revision – Due 2025
- C.2: Work with Select Board and state agencies to encourage further traffic calming measures in the Cornwall Village and West Cornwall areas (Conor)
 - Open – Due 2025
- C.4: Investigate and report on potential for master planning process in Cornwall
 - Open – Due 2025
- D.1: Promote related town-wide events and education which fosters the support networks and foundations needed to generate agriculturally focused social and economic capital
 - Open – Due 2024
- D.2: Review and amend Cornwall Zoning and Subdivision regulations to ensure the preservation of working landscape and encourage a healthy, local agricultural community
 - Pending Zoning Regulations revision – Due 2024
- E.1: Investigate options for the development of sustainable local childcare facilities and support projects that would benefit the residents of Cornwall
 - Open and ongoing

- F.2: Encourage dispersed, small-scale development of renewable energy systems, including solar and wind turbines, for residences and businesses
 - Pending formation of Cornwall Energy Committee
- F.3: Appoint an Energy Coordinator and create an Energy Committee (Gary)
 - In Progress by Gary Barnett as Energy Coordinator
- G.1: Identify potential new local recreational opportunities and support the activities of the Recreation Committee
 - In Progress by the Cornwall Recreation Committee
- H.1: Promote and support efforts by landowners, land trusts, state and federal agencies and other organizations to conserve forest blocks, habitat connectors and working lands (Mary)
 - In Progress by the Cornwall Conservation Committee
- H.2: Better inform town residents about the concepts of forest integrity (Mary)
 - In Progress by the Cornwall Conservation Committee
- H.3: Enhance the 2015 Ecological Inventory of Cornwall by assessing the town's wildlife habitat blocks and adding new data about the town's significant natural areas to the inventory (Mary)
 - In Progress by the Cornwall Conservation Committee
- H.4: Revise the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations to further enhance Cornwall's existing forest blocks and habitat connectors
 - Pending Zoning Regulations revision
- H.5: Create a Special Features Overlay Map to guide development decisions on projects that could otherwise fragment forest blocks and wildlife corridors (Mary)
 - In Progress by the Cornwall Conservation Committee