

**CORNWALL PLANNING AND ZONING
TOWN PLAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
SATURDAY, MARCH, 10, 2018 - CORNWALL TOWN HALL, PINE STREET.**

Present: Plan of C&D EDC Subcommittee chairs Anna Timell and James LaPorta.
Others present: Patricia Bramley, Richard Dolan, Gordon Ridgway, Janet Sanders, Catherine Tatge, Johan Winsser, Joanne Wojtusiak and P&Z staff Karen Griswold Nelson

Co-chairs Anna Timell and James LaPorta called the meeting to order at 9AM.

1. **PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTIONS** (as listed above)
2. **ASSESSMENT whether there is a consensus that Cornwall would benefit from increased economic development.**
With general agreement that Cornwall would benefit from increased economic development, the floor was opened to discussion. (A list of suggestions attached)
3. **REVIEW of 2010 Town Plan and updated 2010 Plan of C&D Implementation Chart and what remains relevant to be included in the next Town Plan.**
(Included as part of agenda item 2 - Discussion)
4. **DISCUSSION of schedule and set-up of future meetings and discussion for upcoming meetings**
It was agreed that monthly 1 hour meetings would be scheduled with the next meeting scheduled for April 16 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall.
5. **ADJOURN by action of the subcommittee co-chairs at 10:20AM.**

Respectfully submitted

James LaPorta and Anna Timell, co-chairs

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Suggestions

1. Speed up high speed Internet connectivity by doing it ourselves.
2. Establish one or more new Commercial Districts.
3. Enable small businesses to build "shops" that support their needs.
4. Change residency requirements for home-based businesses.
5. Expand mixed use "corridors" along roads with large traffic flows.
6. Allow for apartments above business locations.
7. Leverage our natural resources in creating new business opportunities.
8. Remember that we have roots in agriculture...promote it.
9. Think about what kind of economic development Cornwall is particularly suited to. Do we have a "destiny" (eg. as a tourist location, senior citizen community, arts and crafts community, agricultural community). Focus efforts on what is clearest as our "destiny".
10. Consider specific "multi-use" zones.
11. Establish a "dog-park" for socialization purposes and especially for village residents with small lots.
12. Really focus on promoting the hiking/biking trail from West Cornwall to Cornwall Bridge.