

**CORNWALL PLANNING AND ZONING
TOWN PLAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 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, Tommy Eucalitto, Bianca Griggs,
Gordon Ridgway, Janet Sanders, Jacque Schiller, Catherine Tatge, and P&Z staff Karen
Griswold Nelson**

Co-chairs Anna Timell and James LaPorta called the meeting to order at 7PM.

1. **PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTIONS** (as listed above)
2. **REVIEW demographic data. (“Cornwall by the Numbers” prepared by Anna Timell and other information supplied)**
General discussion.
3. **REVIEW and expand on previous suggestions from the March 10th meeting**
The list as prepared with input from the March meeting was discussed with revisions made (revised list prepared by co-chairs)

Suggestions for Town POCD (AS REVISED 4/19/2018)

1. Expand commercial zoning in Cornwall - Consider establishing new commercial or Mixed-Use zones along state roads.
2. Develop Planned Development District regulations, which would allow certain kinds of commercial uses in residential zones.
3. Enable small businesses to build “shops” that support their needs.
Comment: The Northwest Hills Council of Governments has a “home business checklist” that includes new ideas that might be used to revise/improve our current regs.
4. Explore tax incentives for business owners who maintain a business use on the ground floor rather than a complete conversion to a residence.
5. Revise building setbacks in Commercial Districts to allow for more expansion if needed
6. Consider changing residency requirements for home-based businesses.
7. Allow for apartments above business locations.
Comment: Currently only the business owner may live above a ground-floor business.
8. Develop public restrooms in Commercial Zones.
9. Leverage our natural resources in creating new business opportunities.
Comment: The EDC and school are already collaborating on a PR project of this kind.
10. Promote the hiking/biking trail from West Cornwall to Cornwall Bridge.

11. Remember that we have roots in agriculture...promote it.

Comment: A public hearing on revised farming regulations is planned for June 12.

12. Think about what kind of economic development Cornwall is particularly suited to. Do we have a “destiny” (e.g. as a tourist location, senior citizen community, arts and crafts community, agricultural community).

Comment: At the 4/16 meeting we agreed that all these areas are important to Cornwall.

13. Promote a campaign to Buy and Hire locally.

Comment: EDC is working on an updated catalog of Cornwall businesses.

14. Better high speed Internet connectivity - investigate implementing it ourselves.

Comment: There are examples of small towns successfully doing this.

15. Establish a “dog-park” for socialization purposes and especially for village residents with small lots.

Comment: We will seek information on how many dog licenses are issued in Cornwall.

4. DISCUSS options of surveying community for further town input

5. ADJOURN by action of the subcommittee co-chairs at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted

James LaPorta and Anna Timell, co-chairs