

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2019

Present: Regular members David Colbert, Jill Cutler, Virginia Potter, Stephen Saccardi, Anna Timell and alternate members Ben Gray Jr, and Phill West, Commission planning consultant Jocelyn Ayer and LUA/ZEO Karen Griswold Nelson

Absent: James LaPorta and James Terrell

Others present: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Cornwall Housing Corporation Ginni Block, Conservation Commission chairman Patrick Mulberry, EDC chairman Janet Carlson, and other members of the public.

Chairman David Colbert called the meeting to order at 7:04PM. Alternate member Ben Gray Jr. was seated for regular member James LaPorta.

DISCUSSION BY THE COMMISSION OF THE TIMING OF THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Chairman Colbert gave an overview of the statutory process for the creation and adoption of a Plan of Conservation and Development, outlining the work of the subcommittees, the Commission's jurisdiction and statutory method in preparing and adopting a Plan every 10 years, and the final process of the adoption of a Town Plan.

There was clarification from staff that the evening's meeting did not constitute a public hearing and that public input at the meeting was not officially part of the record. It was encouraged that all comments be forwarded in writing.

Written Information acknowledged as being part of the record included correspondence from the, Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and email correspondence from Sam Waterston, Joanne Wojtusiak, and Meg McMorrow. Information's submitted that evening was acknowledged including correspondence from Judy Herkimer and John Harding.

Opportunity for feedback from representatives of Cornwall's boards, commissions, and organizations on the draft Plan of Conservation & Development.

First Selectmen Gordon Ridgway, speaking on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Ginni Block, on behalf of the Cornwall Housing Corporation, Patrick Mulberry on behalf of the Conservation Commission, and Janet Carlson on behalf of the Economic Development Commission, addressed the Board regarding their partnership roles listed in the draft Plan.

Member of the public were allowed limited time for questions and concerns. Note was again made that the evening's meeting was not a public hearing and their comments were not part of the Commission's record of the Plan.

The Commission, with input from Jocelyn Ayer, addressed the draft Plan, amendments, procedures, etc. and direction and discussion of the process from the meeting to the public hearing proposed for November 12th.

Copies of draft Maps sent electronically to Commission members and the Land Use Office were made part of the record on file in the Land Use Office for review

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Deferred
2. **NEW APPLICATIONS: NONE.**
3. **PENDING APPLICATIONS: NONE.**
4. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.** Listed as part of the Planning meeting.
5. **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION.** None due to special nature of the meeting,
6. **LUA/ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT.** Deferred
7. **PLANNING WORKSHOP** to include but not limited discussion of proposed regulatory changes consistent with the 2010 and 2020 (draft) Plans of C&D.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Gray, at 9:55PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Griswold Nelson