

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR ZOOM MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Present: Regular members Anna Timell, Keith Bodwell, Christine Gray, James LaPorta, and alternate members Bruce Bennett, Will Evans and Michelle Shipp (in 7:30PM) and LUA/ZEO Karen Griswold Nelson

Absent: Phill West and Stephen Saccardi.

Chairwoman Anna Timell called the regular meeting to order on 7:07PM with a quorum established. Will Evans was seated for regular member Phill West.

REGULAR ZONING MEETING:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 11, 2022 regular meeting

Motion made by Mr. LaPorta, seconded by Ms. Gray, to approve the minutes of the October minutes with amendments - i.e. Under Other Business Proper – A ridgeline protection informational meeting was to be scheduled with members of the Cornwall Conservation Commission with the dates to be discussed and agreed upon at the November meeting: unanimously approved.

2. NEW APPLICATIONS. None.

3. PENDING APPLICATIONS. None.

STAFF REPORTS

LUA/CZEO – Karen Griswold Nelson.

Griswold Nelson gave a brief overview of the Zoning applications listed.

#1162 – Henry Russ owner/applicant/- Installation of an outdoor wood burning furnace – 57 Town Street. Permit approved.

ZP#1163 – Susan Hellman owner/applicant- additional living space within an existing footprint – 8 Smith Place. Permit approved.

ZP#1164 – Cornwall Housing Corporation - Entry driveways for 2 approved parcel lots – Dark Entry Road. Permits approved.

Griswold Nelson addressed a fair amount of activity in town, as evidenced in Cornwall Bridge with work underway in the old fly shop, two driveways for two parcel lots on Dark Entry road being completed by the Cornwall Housing Corporation. Griswold Nelson addressed conversations with EDC members regarding collaboration to make economic development in West Cornwall move forward easier by addressing obstacles such as pedestrian crossings, traffic slowing measures and better understanding of shared parking.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

5. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

P&Z information on Website - Planning data under "Forms and Documents

Chairman Timell addressed information pertaining to the Planning & Zoning Commission being placed on the website for informational purposes.

There was discussion regarding the combined P&Z/Conservation Commission regarding ridgeline protection with agreement for an in-person meeting at the Cornwall Library on November 15 commencing at 7PM. Copies of maps prepared by HVA were to be provided to all commission members and placed on file in the Land Use office.

There was general discussion (initiated by Mr. Bennett) regarding additional information being provided regarding Zoning permits and the ZEO's report as listed on the agenda.

Chairman Timell addressed a coming Zoom meeting on November 12th being held by the Cornwall Conservation Trust to address and provide for a panel discussion of affordable housing. The panel was to be comprised of various representative include Jocelyn Ayer, the director of the newly formed Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunities, Ingrid Ellen of the Cornwall Housing committee, and Ginni Block from the Cornwall Housing Corporation.

Chairman Timell, as part of her ongoing historic research, into the background of changes and lack of changes to the Zoning regulation, informed the Commission that the current language in Cornwall's zoning regulations dated from 1985 and failed to pick up changes to state statute dating 1987.

6. PLANNING WORKSHOP MEETING - Workshop for commission members.

A draft copy of Article, "Section 12 – Enforcement"" prepared by Janell Mullen, forwarded electronically to the Commission prior to the meeting was made part of the record for discussion. There was discussion of the proposed regulations, with clarification, questions, wordsmithing changes, and deletions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Shipp, seconded by Mr. LaPorta to adjourn at 8:11Pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Griswold Nelson for Commission secretary Phill West.