

Planning Commission Meeting January 7, 2016 7:00 PM – Draft Minutes

In attendance Planning Commission Members – Gary Gulka, Frank Kampf and Chuck Marian
Secretary Karen Deasy (ZA) Community members Dawn Andrews, Rich Phillips

1. Review agenda

Frank moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Chuck

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes reviewed motion to approve Chuck seconded Frank.

4. VTel application status and PSB hearing (Jan. 12)

Gary provided an update on status, Calais application has been withdrawn, and Cabot is scheduled to begin a hearing on Tuesday January 12, 2016. According to council this will be an all-day event.

5. Planning Commission membership

Dawn Andrew, in attendance, expressed an interest in participating. As a community member she would like to be more involved. Wanted to know more about commitment and upcoming projects.

6. Planning Commission 2016 Work Plan :

a. -Proposed zoning work as necessary

Board will wait until after SB hearing to see if there will be any additional work required.

b. -Assist Select Board in development of Telecommunications Facilities ordinance

Karen will contact VLCT for model ordinance. Board will review Ludlow ordinance and compare with Cabot's instead of creating a new document. Language to make this enforceable by Selectboard will be added.

c. -Hazard Mitigation Planning

Cabot will be working with CVRPC to update our Hazard mitigation plan. Karen will be meeting with CVRPC and will bring a work plan and schedule back to the Planning Commission. Plan expires 2017, many of the plans goals have been completed or are in process.

d. -Possible formation of energy committee

Rich Phillips presented to the Planning commission the range of projects that Marshfield and Plainfield have accomplished with their energy committee. He would be willing to advise and work with Cabot if they chose to set up an energy committee. This organization was established by the Selectboard in response to a Town meeting article many years ago. Frank will discuss with UDAG possibility of creating a local group. Board will further consider this.

e. –Other

Town plan is due for renewal in 2017. Gary and Karen will review sections to determine which ones will require work. CVRPC will provide guidance as to new language that should be included with respect to flood hazards and energy projects.

7. Other Business

8. Next meeting date February 4th 2016 7:00 pm