

Planning Commission Meeting August 4, 2016 7:00

In attendance Planning Commission Dawn Andrews Kate Chatot, Chuck Marian, Rich Aronson

Public Chris Tormey (school board) Ted Domey (Selectboard) Amy Hornblas, Lori Augustyniak (CCA)

1. Review agenda

Agenda moved and approved

2. Public Comment

Amy Hornblas spoke under public comment regarding the first paragraph in the community facilities section the wording in the last sentence was concerning. The wording “can help direct” she felt was too limiting. The Board discussed and decided to strike this phrase and alter wording to read “may guide”

3. Regional plan review

The current regional plan update. The Town of Cabot has until August 15 to respond with comments on the revised regional plan or reject it. The Selectboard had no concerns, Richard Payne was available to discuss the plan and changes. The regional plan reflects state wide goals and areas that communities should be including in their local plan. Links to the revised plan were sent to all board members for review. The Board had no specific comments or concerns. The Board made motion to accept regional plan vote 4-0.

4. Cabot Economic development group – Planning Grant

Lori Augustyniak from Cabot Community Association came to the Board to discuss their group applying for a Municipal Planning Grant to develop a Village Economic revitalization plan. The committee is working on ways to encourage and develop business growth in the community taking advantage of current assets. The planning grants are for up to 20,000 with a local match of 6,000 for a total of 26,000. This funding would be used to hire a consultant and CCA has the match funding available. Rich Aronson has been attending the CCA meetings of the economic development group. Kate indicated the project is clearly called for in the

current town plan and supports the idea. Motion was made to support the plan Rich moved to approve the proposal and apply for the grant, Dawn Seconded, vote 4-0

5. Town Plan review - Housing and Population, Economic Development and Community facilities

- Chris Tormey, schoolboard Chair, attended to discuss the schools 8 year goals, he provided edits for the community facility section. He indicated there are some facility needs for the gym and other buildings which were noted but until the merger discussion required under act 46 were completed that there could not be firm plans made for any major facility investments. Chris indicated that discussions were continuing between Cabot Twinfield and Danville, a merged union would jointly pay for upgrades and improvements to facilities. Currently all three districts are under capacity for enrollment. It was asked if the districts could merge the administrative portion and complete a facilities merger later. Chris indicated that that could possibly create a governance issue as the governing board is to be set up based on community population but there have been suggestions of having at large members but those details have not been worked out. If a merger plan is developed, the current timeline is for a plan to be put to the voters in July of 2017 with a transition completed by 2018-2019
- Community Facilities section, continuing from beginning with previous edits and received edits:
- Page IX-1 reorganize list placing town garage first and under Cabot school buildings indicate total of (7) structures. Also include a list of all community land and facilities in this section.
- Change UDAG to CCIF (Cabot Community Investment Fund) where found
- Page IX -2 change selectmen to persons and add Justice of the peace as they are voted on.
- Planning commission also will recommend the Selectboard establish a DRB to shift the permitting to a single board for permit review. Planning commission will put this on next Selectboard agenda.
- Page IX – 4 get Ambulance needs from Andy Luce, provide specific text.
- Page IX-12 library to provide revised text
- Page IX-14 Add Mollys Falls State park to recreation section and connection to rail trail system. Change skylighter trails to 30 miles

- Page IX – 15 solid waste challenges and needs add incremental to expansion of recycling as new materials will be staged.
- For water and wastewater add continuing to update and maintain capital facility
- Page IX-18 Communications - remove charter and fairpoint from description and change to many companies include wireless cable and satellite as providers
- Page IX-18 delete under law enforcement first paragraph
- Page IX-19 health and human services check with groups to see who is active
- Page IX-19 change Cabot Coalition to Cabot Community Association, Lori to provide edits.
- Page IX-21 delete challenges and needs section under daycare note 4 registered home or licensed facilities in town
- Page IX-22 4th paragraph delete first two sentences and last sentence
- Page IX-22 delete 4th paragraph thru to library section in town meeting\
- Page IX-23 move internet resources section to communications
- Page IX-24 arts and culture delete “straddling two areas replace with “Cabot is”
- Delete following paragraphs and add sequential list of annual community events
- Page IX-24 change CSPAC to “community arts facilities” provide a list of all venues in town and provide list of range of activities.
- Page IX-25 Historical society delete Third sentence thru to “Main Street. Last sentence delete has recently launched a new change to “a website”
- Page IX-25 Cabot United Church delete first paragraph,
- Page IX-25 delete list of local cultural resources
- In challenges and needs add connecting to local public resources and add explore visibility of these assets. And delete sentence on expanding front porch forum usage.
- Page IX-26 under invest in facilities delete potential locations could include and list of facilities, under support youth delete areas for growth and eliminate list of activities.

6. Other Business

7. Next meeting date September 1, 2016

Motion to adjourn 9:15pm made by Dawn, seconded Chuck, vote 4-0

Submitted by Karen Deasy