

Approved Minutes: January 15, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting for the Town of Cabot

Members Present: Bobby Searles, Dawn Andrews, Peg Hough, Kate Chatot (on-line) Secretary Brittany Butler Public: Mike Hogan, Rd Eno, Ned Swanburg, Ben Vitale, Neil Bainton (Online) Dana Glazer (Online)

1. Bobby called the meeting to order at 6:01

2. Approve meeting minutes Dawn moved, Peg seconded, all approved

Comment: The like the minutes

3. Public Comment:

Bobby to Mike: The change from 7 to 5 members needs to be brought to the select board.

4. Ned Swanberg presentation on river corridors: There will be a PDF of this presentation available on the town website. Cabot qualifies as a river corridor town because of language that was voted into our flood hazard mitigation ordinance, makes us a river corridor town although not formally, so our corridor isn't mapped. If we were to formally become a river corridor town there would not be much if any difference to the regulations that are currently followed in town.

Question was asked about debris management: Debris located in the river channel should remain (most of it to help habitat). Ned was unsure of what the answer is for large debris piles upstream that are not located in the river channel and on private land. Mike talked about a bill that is discussing debris management and flood mitigation that is in the State House currently. Ned's presentation is located on the Town website

5. Town Plan renewal

Economics section Bobby—needs new data which we are receiving from CVRPC what is important is gas and the school? —talked about hyperlinks embedded into the plan for more in-depth information. Discussion ensued. It is difficult to know what changes need to be made without updated survey results and data. We will work individually via email or in person with Brittany to update each section with all the new data that CVRPC is sending mid-January. Survey questions approved and sent to the chronicle and to have paper surveys ready for town meeting.

6. Survey Questions: want to know if there are major differences in the wants and needs now compared to 8 years ago. Need to go over questions asked prior and come up with some possible new questions, making sure that we can get good statistics from the numbers, the prior survey had multiple (sometimes 10 or more) answers which made it hard to determine what the majority of residents felt most important.

7. Other Business-none

8. Adjourn