

Corinth Planning Commission
DRAFT Minutes of September 18, 2012

Present: Robyn Brill, Mark Nielsen, Holly Groschner, Joshua Gaetz
Visiting: Allen Locke (Select board), Dan Wing (Energy Committee), and Ken Linge (Blake Library)

7:15 Meeting Called to Order

Minutes: from September 4, 2012 meeting reviewed, revised. Motion to approve by Mark Nielsen, seconded by Joshua Gaetz. Minutes approved as amended.

Holly Groschner will search for June 2012 minutes. Discussion ensued about publishing unapproved minutes.

Correspondence: Discussion of letter regarding recording and subdivision approval process reviewed and accepted. Holly Groschner will amend. Robyn Brill will send to Town Clerk and Select board.

Old Business:

7:15 Facebook Study

Mark Nielsen led a discussion regarding feedback and information regarding town Facebook pages. Bethel reports that they treat the Facebook page as a bulletin board and it takes approximately 30 minutes per week to administer. The rules of the page are important to organized administration. Ken Linge pointed to Town Meeting as an analogous paradigm of public expression; he added that it is important to clarify the purpose of the page. Mark Nielsen confirmed with Emily Rowe her interest in working as a volunteer administrator. Joshua Gaetz indicated that Mrs. Gaetz is also interested. There was substantial agreement in the meeting that Facebook could serve as a community building tool, bringing access to events and information to more residents. Mark Nielsen relayed that the town clerk in Manchester advised to be careful to remember that not all residents are digitally literate. Ken Linge indicated that it's a way to for more people to hear about what is going on in the town; it is a community builder and a means to connect locally. Holly Groschner reported that Nancy Ertle commented that she was not in favor of a Corinth Facebook page based on information from towns that reported being sorry that they started Facebook pages because the administration became burdensome, and towns paid for administration. The Commission discussed cyber security risk related to Facebook; the consensus was that individuals can choose not to engage, and that Facebook is not more risky than other transactions occurring on the web. Dan Wing raised questions around Town liability related to a webpage forum. Discussion of first amendment and public comment issues ensued. Mark Nielsen commented that most of the issues were resolved by creating appropriate user rules and suggested that each group or constituency that wants to be involved could have an administrator that review and posts information official for that group. Discussion ensued regarding user groups. Joshua Gaetz volunteered to research Facebook page structure. Holly Groschner volunteered to compile user rules. Robyn Brill agreed that the next meeting would tackle the subject of defining the purpose for the page. Mark Nielsen moved that the Planning Commission should continue to work on creating a Facebook page for the Town of Corinth. Joshua Gaetz seconded. Voted unanimously.

8:55 Review of Town Plan Suggested Actions

Mark Nielsen sent the list of questions to Peter Gregroy at TROC to ask whether any of these items can be implemented without zoning. Robyn Brill tabled discussion of initiatives in the Plan until the October 2, 2012 meeting.

9:15 Meeting adjourned Holly Groschner moved to adjourn the meeting and Joshua Gaetz seconded. Unanimous.