

Corinth Planning Commission
August 7, 2013
Approved Minutes

Attending for the Commission: Holly Groschner (Chair), Susanne Smith, Dick Kelley, Linda Buonanduci, Bill Tobin, Lynn Sciortino (Clerk).
Absent: Josh Gaetz, Russ Pazdro.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Smith moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting. Tobin seconded. Motion passed with four voting in favor and one abstention.

Attendance at Meetings

It was noted that Josh Gaetz has missed several meetings. Attempts to reach him by phone or email have failed. Groschner stated she would send him a letter to ask if he was still interested in remaining a member of the Planning Commission.

Town Facebook Page

A discussion took place concerning the pros and cons of creating a Town Facebook page. There were concerns about privacy and managing the account, but agreement that it might be a way of reaching a larger number of people. Groschner stated that she drafted, and last year's planning commission reviewed, user rules for posting with the page. Kelley said that he would contact the WRVS Facebook manager to get more information on the amount of time required for administration of a public page. Kelley will also look into other towns that have set up a Facebook page. A decision was made to put this topic on the agenda for each upcoming meeting.

Corinth Park & Ride

Karen Galayda, Corinth Lister, notified the Commission that the proposed site for the new Park & Ride is in the one hundred year flood plain and will need a permit. Galayda submitted blank permit application forms for the Commission to review to see if they would be suitable to use. The members discussed the forms and the new Flood Plain Regulations (a work in progress). Buonanduci agreed to modify the proposed Flood Hazard Area Permit Application that Galayda submitted to clarify the language to correspond with the existing rule and the model to be proposed and send to Groschner. Groschner will then cross check with the language in the old regulations.

Correspondence

The Commission received an application for an exempt subdivision. The applicant, Bruce O'Meara of West Topsham, VT, plans to parcel out two acres from his fifty-eight acres. The purchaser is Marie O'Meara of Rocklin, CA. Buonanduci will keep the application on file and draft a letter to the owner saying it had been received and will be considered at the September 4, 2013 meeting. She will send the draft of the letter to Groschner who will mail it to O'Meara. In the meantime, Groschner will check the town

records to see if O'Meara qualifies for an exemption and to make sure the information on the form is complete.

Flood Plain Regulations Draft

The members reviewed a section of the document and discussed changes. It was suggested that the group take a "road trip" to determine if there are additional waterways or special flood areas in town that should be included in the draft. Another suggestion was to use the FEMA and tax maps for references. A suggestion was made to send Smith and Buonanduci's document to Two Rivers for feedback. The next step is for Smith and Buonanduci to begin work on the Erosion Section of the Flood Regulations. Buonanduci said she would forward the work done thus far to the members.

Town Plan

Tobin and Kelley agreed to meet before the September 4th meeting to review the Regional Planning Commission's comments and the proposed Flood Hazard Regulations and propose a modification in the Town Plan. While discussing the Town Plan, the question was asked whether Corinth has a Municipal Hazard Mitigation Plan or not. Groschner will check with the Select board before the September meeting. She also proposed to divide future meetings into three parts: Town Plan, Flood Regulations and Regular Business.

Next Meeting

1/2 hour will be spent discussing deviations from the model in the Flood Plain regulations, words to replace "zone" and to evaluate the impact of designating a district, area or region. The Commission will also consider the Buonanduci/Smith additions proposed in the erosion section (with some language coming from Model 4).

Smith moved to adjourn. Tobin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.