Town of Corinth

Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes – August 3, 2023

Members in attendance: Kerry DeWolfe (Chair), Russ Padzro, Kenya Lazuli, Anne Margolis and Kim Remillard.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01

Changes to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the July 6, 2023, meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by RP and seconded by AM. The motion passed.

Correspondence: The Chair received an email from the PC in Chelsea regarding its Town Plan. The email will be forwarded to the members.

New Business: The PC discussed the request pending before the Select Board to terminate Town Trial #13. The PC discussed the "ancient roads" decisions made by the Town approximately 15 years ago and the potentially different decisions that would have been made if the existing Town Plan was in place at that time. After reviewing relevant portions of the Town Plan, KD made the following motion:

Given the Town's commitment, as expressed in the Town Plan, to outdoor recreation opportunities and access to natural areas for members of the public, in the absence of any clear benefit to the community, the Planning Commission opposes the discontinuance of Trail #13 and any other Town roads or trails.

The motion was seconded by RP and passed unanimously.

It was informally agreed that the Chair will forward this statement to the Selectboard.

Old Business: The members revised the Community Planning Survey.

KD made the following motion;

After a final round of edits, the Chair is empowered to expend such funds as are necessary to mail a copy of the survey to all property owners and residents on the Town's mailing list, with a return postage paid envelope.

KR seconded the motion with passed unanimously.

At the September meeting the PC will discuss the other steps to ensure a robust response to the survey. As of now plans include having copies of the survey available at the clerk's office and additional information about the process on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm per motion of AM, seconded by KL.

NEXT MEETING: September 7, 2023.