Town of Corinth

Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes – November 2, 2023

Members in attendance: Kerry DeWolfe (Chair), Russ Pazdro, Anne Margolis, and Kim Remillard. Members of the Public in attendance: Andrew Alexander, Jeff McLaughlin, Michael Tagliavia and James Guyer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03

Changes to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: Following is a summary of the comments. Mr. Tagliavia said that non-resident camp owners in his neighborhood on Backway Rd. did not receive copies of the survey. He said that Corinth was chartered in 1764 and has never had zoning and does not need it now. He said that not allowing non-resident landowners to vote on zoning regulations was taxation without representation and this led to revolutions. Mr. McLaughlin said that for many years he and his family have owned property in Corinth. He is a resident of Barre and does not vote in Corinth. He stated the survey should have been sent to people that pay real estate taxes in Corinth. He stated that he wants to be heard on issues relating to land use in Corinth. Mr. Alexander said that he did not receive a copy of the survey. He said that the survey did not collect valuable information. He said that all the survey choices limit property owners' rights. Mr. Alexander reiterated concerns he shared at the October 5th meeting pertaining to the change in road classification that has negatively impacted him and his general concern about class four road regulation. Mr. Guyer said that he did not receive a copy of the survey. He said that Maplewood Road was not being adequately maintained, and that he had not spoken to the road commissioner about this issue. More than twenty minutes was spent on public comments.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. RP made a motion to amend the Public Comment section of the unapproved Minutes from the October 5th meeting as follows: to delete the last four words of the second sentence; and, in the third sentence, to change the word "believing" to "stating.". The motion was seconded by KR. The motion passed. KD moved to approve Minutes from the October 5, 2023, meeting as amended. AM seconded. The motion passed.

Correspondence: None

New Business: The Municipal Planning Grant Application was submitted. Kevin Geiger from TRORC completed and submitted the application after review by the

Select Board Chair. Kevin told KD that the grants are scheduled to be announced in December but that he thought this might be an optimistic timeline.

Old Business: The PC had tentatively decided to hold a public meeting to discuss the survey results on November 28th at 7:00 in the Town Hall. KD told the group that the grant proposal included funding for such a meeting to be led by TRORC. KD suggested that the meeting be postponed until after we learn whether the Town received the grant. After discussion, KD made a motion: to cancel the presentation planned for November 28th and revisit the issue after the grants are awarded. AM seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm per motion of KD, seconded by RP.

NEXT MEETING: December 7, 2023.