

**CORNISH PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2017**

The Cornish Planning Board met on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at 7pm in the Cornish Town Offices. Members present were Bill Lipfert, Chair, Mary Mancuso, Gail McKenzie, and Lyle Parry; Scott Baker, Selectman; and Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary.

Also in attendance were Jim Barker, Cornish Conservation Commission; and Mary Boyle, Bill Cable, Joanna Sharff, and Nancy Wightman, Cornish Energy Committee.

Master Plan Survey – Feedback from Local Boards

The Cornish Energy Committee asked the Planning Board to add an energy section to the Master Plan Survey. Mary Boyle stated that many master plans now include a section on energy. The Energy Committee requested four questions and a preamble, attached, submitted to the Board prior to the meeting be included in the survey. The Board will add questions three and four submitted by the energy committee under a new heading, 'Energy.' The energy-related lines under question thirteen will be removed.

Jim Barker thanked the Board for its work on the survey and stated that the Conservation Commission was interested to see the responses to several of the questions. He asked whether Open Space Development under question two could specify that the common open space would be protected by a conservation easement. The language was added under question two.

Other Business

The Board reviewed the draft Cornish Road Map produced by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Council. Heidi Jaarsma suggested that the Board should have the UVLSRPC produce inset maps showing each of the Village and Residential Zones in greater detail. It was the consensus of the Board that the maps would be useful and that the Planning Board budget would be used to cover the cost.

Adjournment

Gail McKenzie made a motion to adjourn. Mary Mancuso seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi M. Jaarsma

Questions submitted by the Cornish Energy Committee

TO: CORNISH PLANNING BOARD: SUGGESTIONS FOR MASTER PLAN SURVEY

Question #13 The Cornish Energy Committee proposes the removal of the items listed as COMMERCIAL WIND, COMMERCIAL SOLAR, and COMMERCIAL BIOMASS. Instead, the Energy Committee would like to have a separate category on energy with its own survey questions using the Planning Board's survey format for the Yes and No checkboxes.

We propose the inclusion of the following:

Preamble

When Cornish was established in 1763 the carbon concentration in the Earth's atmosphere was estimated to be about 270 parts per million (ppm). All indications are that it had been at this level for thousands of years. When the first Cornish Master Plan was created in 1973 the CO2 concentration was around 330 ppm. As we are revising our latest Master Plan in 2017 the CO2 concentration is around 400 ppm. CO2 is a potent greenhouse gas. Most scientists agree that human use of fossil fuels is causing this CO2 rise and it is changing our climate.

Questions

1. Do you think that the town of Cornish should actively encourage efforts to reduce CO2 emissions through energy efficiency in heating, appliances, weatherization, and transportation within the town? Yes No

2. When new well-proven carbon reducing technologies become available which are cost-competitive with traditional technologies, do you think the town should choose these new technologies? Yes No

3. Do you think the town should encourage residential generation of renewable energy that fits into our local landscape and lifestyle? Yes No

4. Do you think the town should encourage commercial generation of renewable energy that fits into our local landscape and lifestyle, specifically:
 - a. solar? Yes No
 - b. wind? Yes No
 - c. sustainable biomass/wood burning for electricity or heat? Yes No
 - d. hydro? Yes No

5. Do you think the town should appropriate seed money to implement the use of sustainable energy technology in Cornish? This would be an investment based upon sound financial planning that could result in significant savings in the long term. Yes No