**Canaan Planning Commission**

**Minutes – May 8, 2024**

Attendees: Planning Commission - Gail Fisher, Margaret Knapp, Julie Geroux, NVDA – Jesse Noone, Kyle Dwyer

Absent: Planning Commission – Larry Pryor

1. Gail called the meeting to order at 7:32pm
2. Quorum established.
3. Julie made Motion to accept April Meeting Minutes seconded by Margaret – Motion approved
4. Jesse discussed progress on establishing dates to meet with Contact List people. No specific dates exist currently. Although Jesse did have a conversation with Terri Herr of Canaan Naturally Connected (CNC)

NVDA has developed a host of questions to pursue and is fleshing out a contact list to help answer these questions. Gail noted that we have first attempt at a contact list of key people.

Status of Canaan issues was discussed:

* Number of open Town positions possibly due to1) burnout of Town people with busy lives and 2) growing (?) number of seasonal homeowners.
* Declining school population due to families with less or no children
* Need to develop more events to bolster tourism
1. Thoughts regarding planning info can be gained from upcoming community engagements

The group started listing public events as assets such as Softball Weekend, Sugar on Snow, & Moose Festival.

1. Next steps

Jesse suggested we start thinking about building composite lists like current issues, potential goals, and current assets. Jesse said he would do the same.

Jesse will develop a first draft community report using American Community Survey data from 2012 and 2022 which we will discuss next month.

Jesse said he will visit Canaan in the next month for community engagement.

1. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting via Zoom: June 12, 2024 at 7pm