

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting

April 7, 2011

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Agenda Item #1: Call to Order. Chris Mayer, Chairman, called the Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the St. Germain Community Center, 545 Hwy 155, St. Germain WI.

Members Present: Chris Mayer; Bob Egan; Ralph Sitzberger; Steve Favorite; Fred Radtke.

Others Present: Dawn Schmidt, Zoning Administrator; Tammy Baughman, Administrative Secretary; Martha Milanowski, Corporation Counsel; Laurel Carlson; Marshall Reckard; Jim Cheshire; Eric Johnson; Ken Stubbe.

Agenda Item #2: Approve Agenda. Motion by Bob Egan, seconded by Ralph Sitzberger to approve agenda to be discussed in any order. All say aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3: Approve Minutes. Motion by Bob Egan, seconded by Ralph Sitzberger to approve the 3/3/11 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. Steve wanted more clarity regarding the agenda Item #11-NR115: Dawn said this pertained to the 30' building envelope. She received confirmation from the DNR that we can keep the 30' building envelope language in our ordinance. All say aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4: Resolution to County Board; Richard Peterson Commendation. Dawn said Mr. Peterson has resigned his position from the Board of Adjustment Committee and had served continually since 1993. Steve said he served with Dick on the BOA and he did a "very good job". The county board will recognize him at April's meeting for his long standing service to the BOA and diligently serving the people of Vilas County. A new member will be appointed at the next County Board meeting.

Motion by Steve Favorite, seconded by Bob Egan to adopt the Resolution for Commendation of Richard Peterson and forward to full County Board. All say aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #5: Proposed Wireless Communication Ordinance Draft. The committee was handed out a new proposed wireless communication ordinance draft with highlighted changes suggested from last month's meeting. Dawn said we are adding language to expedite the wireless communication tower permit process, and relaxing the engineer certification requirements on towers that are equivalent to a TV antenna. She added the exception language (a) under 27.04(2) General Requirements which would allow wireless internet tower that comply with manufacturers current design limitations and industry standards to put up a tower without certified engineered plans. Dawn said exception (b) was added which would not exempt applicants from the standards of complying with the Conditional Use Requirements, such as soil test, lighting, capacity, height, FAA approval. Discussion continued on engineered plan approval and industry standards. Steve suggests Martha, Corporation Counsel, review the draft with Dawn and bring it back to the committee in May for final approval and Chris said we will then schedule the public hearing in June.

Agenda Item #7: Letters and Communications. Martha informed the committee that Vilas County was named in a lawsuit filed by Broken Arrow Cranberry LLC. A Notice of Appearance is being filed on behalf of the County. This lawsuit has to do with how the local ordinance and land use ordinance interacts with the cranberry grower's law. A Temporary Restraining Order is schedule April 13th against the Town of Manitowish Waters and although the county isn't directly involved in that hearing, Martha will be attending.

Agenda Item #6: NR115. Dawn said at the WCCA meeting last week, Kathy Stepp, DNR Secretary said there was interest in pushing the February 1, 2012 date into the future. She said in June she is scheduling informational meetings to updating the local contractors, realtors, landscapers and property owners on NR115 changes. The fifteen and thirty impervious surface percentages and mitigation requirements were discussed.

Agenda Item #8: Public Comments. Ken Stubbe, Representative of Vilas County Economic Development Corporation and Broadband Communications wanted to thank the committee for moving forward so quickly toward broadband access. He feels expediting the tower process will help the rural residents develop business.

Agenda Item #9: Review Statistic and Budget. Chris said are budget is good. March was a slow month for permits; Dawn said it doesn't generally pick up until after load limits have been removed.

Agenda Item #10: Training and Out of County Travel. None.

Agenda Item #11: Sign Voucher.

Motion by Bob Egan, seconded by Steve Favorite to pay the bill. All say aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #12: Confirm May 5, 2011 meeting. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Winchester Town Hall, 10363 Co. Road W, Winchester WI. Chris explains the public hearing procedures.

Agenda Item #13: Adjournment.

Motion by Bob Egan, seconded by Fred Radtke to adjourn. All say aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.