

Watersmeet Township Planning Commission

May 11, 2016

Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: USFS Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Zelinski at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members Present: Jeff Zelinski, David Sherrill, John Cestkowski, Jeff Wasson, Roy D' Antonio, Michelle Hazen

Members Absent: giiwegiizhigookway Martin, Pete Peterson, and Rich Henriksen

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Roy D' Antonio, 2nd by John Cestkowski. All in Favor. Approved

Dave had some additions to put on the agenda.

- Update on Bond
- Update on Administrative Issues
- Zoning Ordinance Question

Motion to amend the agenda with the additions requested by Dave Sherrill, 2nd by Jeff Wasson. All in Favor. Approved.

Meet with Town Board-Master Plan: The Board wanted to discuss the Master Plan and recommended some changes.

The first 18 pages can be shortened. The Board suggested that the PC go back through the Master Plan and take out the flowery language to shorten it up and then bring it back. There are numerous references to surveys. We do not need to do a survey. On page 3 under fiscal considerations-there are actual numbers that are not relevant. Should just say zero based budget-no deficit. If they want numbers they can look at the budget. The plan does not need to reiterate the numbers and sources. Actual numbers and sources are not required. The data for the school is not accurate. The school refused to update the information at the time-did not have time and it is not on the website. Frank Kuchevar was there and had some sample elements that he worked through. We need to go back and re-evaluate, reassess and streamline and take things out that don't need to be there. Dave Sherrill had a copy of the checklist that U of M puts out for Master Plans and what should be and what should not be in there. These are suggestions. It's not a mandate. Watersmeet is a small community. We need to be as clear and concise as possible. There are many areas of redundancy. Go through and take them out. If it is not required don't stick it in there. How is the Board going to get it done? It is almost done just need to sit down with a working group page by page and decide what needs to stay in the plan and what can be taken out.

Motion to formulate a committee which will be made of (4) members from Planning Commission, (2) community members and the Township Supervisor to revise the current master plan by Dave Sherrill, 2nd by Roy D'Antonio. All in Favor.

Julie, Peggy and Frank volunteered to help from the Community, Roy, John, Jeff Z. and Jeff W. from the Planning Commission, and Mike from the Township Board.

Need to have someone with good technical experience to make the changes as you go along, a location for meetings, set days and times.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Dave had 1 dwelling, 1 deck and 1 garage for approval last month. There will be a hearing coming for the Zoning Board in the next couple of weeks. Short term rentals on the East side of LVD. People within 300 yards-you need a permit.

Who is going to write the letter? You need to allow 15 days for hearing. Jeff Zelinski asked for the addresses. Dave will put all of the additional information in the inbox at the Township office for the Planning Commission.

There is another issue of an individual wanting to put a roof over a deck that is only 20 feet off the lake. It is not allowed according to the ordinance.

UPDATE OF BONDS:

Just got the number for interest rate and number of years. Bids went out on Saturday but Mike did not sign the final paperwork with Rural Development yet.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR LAST YEAR:

The Planning Commission is supposed to put out an annual report of what we accomplished as well as a quarterly report. These reports have not been done.

Was the ordinance ever updated for non-conforming structures? We need to get that updated.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Are the meeting minutes and agendas available for viewing by public in Township office? The website should be up by the end of the month. The agenda for next month should be on there.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Roy D' Antonio, 2nd by Dave Sherrill. All in Favor.