

Watersmeet Township Planning Commission

January 13, 2016

Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: USFS Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Chairman Roy D'Antonio at 6:38 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Members Present: Larry Potter, Jeff Zelinski, giiwegiizhigookway Martin, David Sherrill, Roy D'Antonio, John Cestkowski, and Jeff Wasson. **Members Absent:** Pete Peterson and Rich Henriksen.

Approval of Agenda/Changes/Additions: Add Annual and Quarterly Reports, Public Hearing Procedural Issues/David Sherrill. Also make a correction to change the date from 2015 to 2016 on the agenda on the 1.13.2016 Agenda.

Annual Board Member Selection: Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. Set annual meeting dates and times. Chairman: Roy D'Antonio wishes not to seek nomination at this time.

Nominations were as follows:

- **Chair** - Jeff Wasson nominates Jeff Zelinski for Chair, 2nd by giiwegiizhigookway Martin, 2 "NO" votes, and 5 "YES" votes. Jeff Zelinski is Chair.
- **Vice Chair:** Larry Potter nominates David Sherrill for Vice Chair, 3 "NO" votes, 4 "YES" votes, 0 abstaining. David Sherrill is the new Vice Chair.
- **Secretary:** Roy D'Antonio nominates giiwegiizhigookway Martin for Secretary, 2nd by John Cestkowski, A vote of "Yes" 6 members, and 1 abstaining. Giiwegiizhigookway Martin, Secretary.

Meeting Dates and Times: The meetings dates will be kept the same and the location will be the same. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., and the location will be the USFS Building Conference Room, Watersmeet. The meetings be posted. Motion by giiwegiizhigookway to keep dates and times same, 2nd by Jeff Wasson, A unanimous "Yes" vote. Approved.

Motion to go back into session with new board: by Jeff Wasson, 2nd by Roy D'Antonio, a Unanimous "Yes" vote. Meeting convenes with new Chair Zelinski at 6:45 p.m.

Public Hearing: Proposed Zoning Ordinance change for reconstruction of nonconforming structures from the January 13, 2016 meeting: Dave Sherrill presented (5) issues to the board **See Attached:** When we eliminated the Section in the procedures he feels this is in violation of other sections within our policies. He just feels that we do not need to change the ordinance based on the (5) issues that he presented. Discussion followed Dave's presentation to the board on the issues. Following language to be reinserted: ***All buildings or structures built prior to the original ordinance, dated December 18, 1969 that do not meet the current setbacks and said buildings or***

structures are destroyed other than by intentional act of principal owner, may be rebuilt on the same footprint, with the same number of square feet as the original building or structure.

Motion was made by Roy D'Antonio to amend using the sentences above and insert this new language into the ordinance, 2nd by Jeff Wasson. Vote with (6) YES VOTE, and (1) NO Vote. Approved.

Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2015 Meeting. Motion was made by Roy D'Antonio to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2015 meeting, 2nd by John Cestkowski, An all "YES" vote followed. Approved.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Dave Neumann stated that he had only one Duck Lake homeowner had a line issue. His land was originally (1) lot and in 2014 purchased another lot, these were somehow combined. He wanted them separated.

Recreation Plan Update: All parties will continue working on their respective parts of the plan and will continue to update the board.

Master Plan Update: The town board needs to send the plan to the Township Board for Approval. We would like a formal approval with a request that this be passed on to the County Board. Also request a letter to the town board with the Master Plan and letter from the Chairman of the Planning board, which Jeff Zelinski will take care of.

Annual and Quarterly Reports: The Town Board needs to have a quarterly and annual report from the Planning Commission each year. A written report must be produced. The last Secretary should be able to pull that together based on the minutes and the Commissions activities.

Public Comments: Mike Rogers. Mike Rogers wanted to reiterate that Watersmeet has one of the lowest millage rates and there have been no increases for quite some time. Roy D'Antonio said if taxes are raised it would not be a good thing. Roads and road repair in Watersmeet Township were discussed. When are they going to be fixed? The roads are in terrible shape. The roads are the sole responsibility of the County Road Commission. Who determines which roads are put on the repair list? The Tribe and BIA are doing roads and continue to do road projects.

Internet Information: John Cestkowski brought a flyer about a new internet company and wanted to share this with the committee. Didn't know if everyone on the committee had seen this flyer or received it in the mail. Presented as FYI.

Adjournments: Motion to adjourn the meeting by David Sherrill, 2nd by John Cestkowski, All in favor, Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: giiwegiizhigookway Martin – Planning Commission Secretary.