

Plan Commission Meeting – April 12, 2016

Posted April 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Garage, Buffalo Bay Store, Peterson's Foods and Red Cliff Tribal Administration Center and the Town website. Notices sent to the Ashland Daily Press and the Bayfield County Journal. Revised and re-posted April 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Commission Chairman Larry Meierotto at the Town of Russell Garage. Plan Commission members present were Tessa Levens and Kathy Wendling. Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good was also present. Commissioners Jeff Benton and Ann Bowker were excused.

One member of the public was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda – A motion was made by Levens and seconded by Wendling to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Set agenda for Public Input (3-minute limit per person - 15 minutes maximum) at the beginning or at the end of the meeting. Public input was at the beginning of the meeting. Chris Bardon spoke in support of the designation and establishment of a National Marine Estuary.

Approval of the meeting minutes – A motion was made by Levens and seconded by Meierotto to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2016. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation on proposed National Marine Estuary (NME) – Levens explained a scheduling conflict which prevented Ketzels Levens from giving a planned presentation on this subject. Karen Kozie, a member of the group supporting the establishment, made a presentation on the proposed National Marine Estuary. Extensive discussion was held.

Recommendation to the Town Board regarding the support of a National Marine Estuary – A motion was made by Levens and seconded by Wendling to recommend to the Town Board that they support the designation and creation of a National Marine Estuary and that the Town Board adopt the proposed resolution provided by Kozie. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Town of Russell Overlay District Revisions – Good updated the Commission that our request is scheduled before the full Bayfield County Board in May. Discussion followed about the changes made by the Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee; moving the approval of the Alternative Development Class A Permit approval from the Town of Russell Board to the Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee and the removal of the provision for the notice by certified mail to adjacent property owners of proposed Alternative Developments. The Town will adopt a resolution providing this notice to adjacent property owners that was removed from the County Zoning Ordinance. The Commission was updated on the recent meeting with Attorney Carlson, Planning and Zoning staff and Chairman Tribovich and Clerk/Treasurer Good clarifying additional changes needed to the language when it goes before the full County Board for approval. Zoning will discuss with and request that County

Board Supervisor Bussey make the additional required language revisions agreed to by the Town and Zoning when the issue comes before the full County Board.

Revision of Town Comprehensive Plan – Previous sections revised at the last meeting were discussed. Extensive discussion followed. Work continues on the language revisions.

New items for next meeting – None.

Next Meeting Date –The Commissioners agreed to meet again at 6:00 p.m. on May 3, 2016 at the Town Garage. Bowker previously stated she will not be available for May meeting and requested to be excused.

A motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. was made by Levens and seconded by Wendling. The motion carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer

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