

Plan Commission Meeting – June 7, 2016

Posted May 31, 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.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commission Chairman Larry Meierotto at the Town of Russell Garage. Plan Commission members present were Jeff Benton, Ann Bowker and Kathy Wendling. Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good was also present. Commissioner Tessa Levens was excused.

Two members of the public was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda – A motion was made by Wendling and seconded by Benton 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. No public input was offered.

Approval of the meeting minutes – A motion was made by Wendling and seconded by Benton to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2016 and the cancelled meeting of May 3, 2016. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation to Town Board regarding Curtis and Linda Basina request for an after-the-fact Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a micro-distillery on 2.6-acre parcel of land described as Lot 1 of CSM #1560 in Section 31 of T51N R3W. Discuss issue of jurisdiction/non-jurisdiction – Curt and Linda Basina explained why this matter came before the Town. Bayfield County contacted them and told them they needed a Land Use Permit from Bayfield County and that they needed a building permit from the State of Wisconsin. They believed Bayfield County did not have jurisdiction over this project. The State told them that they were not subject to the State building permit but did need to comply with the Federal standards. They have all the necessary permits from the Red Cliff Tribe. Basina's stated they brought this matter to the Tribal Council and the Council discussed this in Executive Session at their meeting held June 6, 2016 but they are not aware of the outcome. Also, they believe the matter will be discussed at the County-Tribe meeting scheduled for June 14, 2016. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Bowker and seconded by Wendling that we recommend to the Town Board that they recommend to Bayfield County Planning and Zoning that we do not think the Town has jurisdiction over this matter but we have no objection to this request if it is deemed that the County Zoning permit is required and this request is consistent with the Town Comprehensive Plan. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Revision of Town Comprehensive Plan – Clerk Good provided a copy of the current draft of the plan in Word format versus the previous pdf format to facilitate editing. Wendling stated it is difficult to tell what we have changed and added to the plan and requested Good to provide a copy that shows deleted text and added text for the next meeting. 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 July 7, 2016 at the Town Garage.

A motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. was made by Benton and seconded by Bowker. The motion carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer

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