

WINCHESTER PLANNING COMMISSION - AUGUST 24, 2020

Meeting was called to order via Zoom, 7:12 pm by chairman Jay Woolf

Roll Call: Present - Jay Woolf, Lee Stengel, Lenelle Scholl, John Melzer, Sulo Wainio, Craig Van Ark, and Town Chair Joe Discianno. Not Present - Brian Logan (excused)

Quorum - Yes

Public Present: Dave Werren, Mike Wolfe, Kay Wegner, Gary Kvasnica, John Grimmer, Chuck Stonecipher, Andrew Faust (North Central Planning Commission)

It was certified the meeting was posted in compliance with public notice requirements.

Approval of Agenda - Motion - Craig Van Ark, 2nd - Lenelle Scholl, Approved

Proposed Minute Taker - Kris Morrow Motion - Jay Woolf, 2nd - Craig Van Ark, Approved

Approval of minutes of July 27, 2020 meeting - Motion - Craig Van Ark, 2nd - Lee Stengel, Approved

REVIEW OF EXISTING ORDINANCES:

- Brian 2018-10 Recycling & Solid Waste No changes to be made
Motion - Craig Van Ark, 2nd Lee Stengel, Approved

- Lenelle 2018-07 Lighting No changes to be made
Motion - John Melzer, 2nd Craig Van Ark, Approved

DICK SMITH LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Motion made by Craig Van Ark to take the issue to town legal counsel and wait for their response if in fact there are potential damages to board members.

Motion amended by Jay Woolf to request town board to contact town attorney for his recommendations about what action to be taken regarding letter to editor which board believes to be slanderous to members of the Planning Commission.

2nd - Lee Stengel Approved

USE OF TOWN ROADS BY ATV/UTV'S

Discussion among board members and public included the following:

Popularity of ATV/UTV use, Manufacturer Guidelines for ATV/UTV use, Speed Limits, Economic Development, Hours of Operation, Noise, Emissions and Exhaust, Property Value Impact, Infringement on Personal Property, Revenues and Contributions, Enforcement and Policing, Safety, Helmets, 12 - 18 year Old Drivers, Damage, Connecting to existing ATV/UTV trails, State Statutes.

Craig Van Ark motioned speed limits for town roads be 15 mph, 2nd Jay

Later discussed to change to 20 mph on town roads. No motion

Actions requested:

Dave Werren requested opportunity to view ordinance draft

Craig Van Ark requested Mike Wolfe to send Dave Werren statistical information on economic value

Craig Van Ark requested Kay Wegner for any study data regarding ATV/UTV impacting property value

Mike Wolfe to research whether persons with revoked drivers license due to DUI be allowed to operate ATV/UTV

Penalties:

Suggested this be put before town attorney to see if board is allowed to have their own penalties in addition to state penalties and how it can be structured. On Hold

USE OF GOLF CARTS ON TOWN ROADS

Craig Van Ark suggest no reason to look at golf cart ordinance separately. Ordinance to be golf carts and ATV/UTV's

Jay Woolf states that carts without golf hardware cannot be restricted traveling on roads. Follow lead of the state

INFRASTRUCTURE

Craig Van Ark spoke with John Sendra from Mercer who recommended contacting Kelly Kline, Director of Economic Development of Vilas County. Craig suggests using Mercer as operating model. Craig continuing to gather information and report back next meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Dave Werren, Mike Wolfe, John Grimmer Addressed during zoom discussion

Steve Halverson: Traffic with other recreational uses, compatibility,
Motorized users/Non Motorized users

Mark and Kristy Gerhardt: Residents of Town Site Road including John and Michelle Taschek, Larry and Flossie Sturgeon, Nelson Walstead, "Grumpy" Chuck and Diane ?, and Marvin and Ashley Davis are in favor of access of trail surrounding Winchester

Glenn Doering: In favor of trail. Concern of safety, dust, invasive species, noise

Allen Vehrs - Supports ATV's

Glen Wildenberg - email opinions

Richard Long - Harris Creek Road, not a town road. They can put any signs they want to post. Jay will inform Richard.

Brian Logan, Susan Barakat: Survey property owners requesting opinions

Jay requests that all correspondence including emails be forwarded to all commission members.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP) Andrew Faust - N C Planning Commission

Board Action: Review first 4 chapters
Check for missing information and corrections
Jay to email Andrew with any questions from board
Andrew requested board to specifically review Goals and Objectives

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

NEXT MEETING: September 28, 2020

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sulo Wainio, 2nd Lenelle Scholl, Approved at 9:17 pm

