

## **WINCHESTER PLANNING COMMISSION - SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

Meeting was called to order via Zoom, 7:10 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)

Public Present on Zoom: CJ Holmbeck, Carol Phillips, Richard Smith, Joseph Eisha, Marjean Schuelke, Betty Forster, Jill Nelson, John Grimmer, Michael Cibilli, Jack's iPad, Bob, Cheryl Bowen

Quorum - Yes

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

Approval of Agenda - Motion - Lee Stengel, 2nd - Craig Van Ark, Approved

Approval of minutes of August 24, 2020 - Correction - Glen Doering is against ATV/UTV use of town roads to access trails.

### **DICK SMITH LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Sulo Wainio did not receive response from town attorney regarding Dick Smith letter to the editor.

Joe Discianno will add topic to next Town Board Meeting Agenda

### **USE OF TOWN ROADS BY ATV/UTV'S**

Lee Stengel stated that the WI Towns Association clarifies questions the public may have about ordinance language. Ordinance language must be in compliance with state statute requirements and administrative rules regarding ATV/UTV's.

Public can obtain more information concerning ATV/UTV use on WATVA (Wisconsin ATV Association) website.

Adopted ordinance must be sent to DNR, State Patrol and Local or County Law Enforcement Agency.

Craig Van Ark stated that in the absence of a town ordinance, the reigning law goes back to the last ordinance that's in the books. In Winchester we currently don't have an ordinance therefore it goes back to Vilas County level.

**GOAL** - Craig Van Ark stated that the goal is to write an ordinance to gain control of Winchester and its town roads so Winchester can be independent of the county.

**SPEED LIMITS** - Sulo Wainio shared that the WI Towns Association states a town cannot lower town road speed limits more than 10 mph without a full survey by DOT at town expense.

Craig Van Ark will look at the legality of adjusting speed limits for ATV/UTV use.

**SIGNAGE** - Discussion among commission as to how the town can best communicate with ATV/UTV clubs concerning signage in sensitive areas of possible ATV/UTV use. One suggestion was to create a route signage handbook. John Melzer to verify availability of funds.

Sulo Wainio to share WATVA signage pamphlet from DNR with Town Board and WPC.  
Sulo Wainio to share ATV/UTV Route Guidelines for Local Governmental Use.

Craig Van Ark and John Melzer to check with ATV Club discussing Signage.

**PENALTIES** - Penalties are controlled by state statute Section 233313A

State statute and ordinance states ATV/UTV's must follow the rules of the road.

Questions as to if the following are included in WI state statute:

Headlights and Taillights - included  
Insurance Requirements - not included  
Turn Signals - not included

Motion by Craig Van Ark asking Jay Woolf to send proposed ordinance to Town Attorney to review due to Sulo Wainio's recommendation 2nd - Lee Stengel,  
Approved

There will be a public hearing at some point.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Craig Van Ark communicated with Boulder Junction, Presque Isle, Mercer and Manitowish Waters regarding Broadband, cell tower and high speed fiberoptic. Boulder Junction and Manitowish Waters are working together. It was suggested that Winchester possibly "piggy back" with Manitowish Waters and Boulder Junction and utilize what all ready exists to save money.

Motion - Lee Stengel - Request Town Board to formulate a Winchester Broadband Committee that would report to Craig Van Ark, 2nd - Craig Van Ark, Sulo Wainio - abstain, Approved.

## **PENALTIES**

Jay Woolf stated there can be no changes to any penalties listed in the state statute regarding ATV/UTV use per the Town Attorney.

## **LAND USE PLAN**

Jay Woolf requested the WPC to review the following assigned chapters :

Lenelle Scholl - Chapter 1 and 3 (new), 4.1 and 4.2 (old)

Jay Woolf - Chapter 2 (new), 8 and 3.2 (old)

John Melzer - Chapter 4 (new), 5 (old)

Lee Stengel - Chapter 5 (new), 3.4 and 7 (old)

Craig Van Ark - Chapter 6 (new), 3.5 and 6 (old)

Sulo Wainio - Chapter 7 (new) 3.1,9,11, and 12

## **FIRE INSPECTION ORDINANCE**

Purpose of Fire Inspection Ordinance is to reduce number of inspections from 2 inspections a year to 1.

Discussion and question raised as to whether the Fire Inspection Ordinance be added to Fire Department and EMS ordinance.

Discussion and question raised as to what point does WPC start charging for inspections since some inspections are being done multiple times.

**OLD BUSINESS - No**

**NEW BUSINESS -**

Sulo Wainio requested Jay Woolf to add Updating Boating Ordinance for Presque Isle, Winchester and Papoose to October Agenda. Presque Isle will need to be informed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Sulo Wainio stated Papoose Lake Road "close call" incident with an ATV involving minors was not reported to Vilas Co. Sheriff.

Some public requesting a referendum on ATV/UTV use in Winchester.

**NEXT MEETING** - October 26, 2020 Zoom

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** - Lee Stengel, 2nd - Craig Van Ark, Approved 8:31 pm.