

## WINCHESTER PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES AUGUST 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Present: Jay Woolf, Lee Stengele, Sulo Wainio, and John Melzer. Blaze Burton was present to operate Zoom. Not present: Lenelle Scholl, Craig Van Ark (excused), Brian Logan (excused). A quorum was present.

The agenda had been posted since August 9 and was compliant with posting requirements.

Minutes of the July 26 meeting was approved.

Correspondence will be covered as pertinent to agenda item.

Discussion/Possible Action re Joint Ordinance with Presque Isle—Motion to Table—Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> John, Passed unanimously

Discussion/Possible Action re Historic Sites—Ann Wilson, Blaze, and Jay will be meeting. The meeting has been delayed due to an illness. Motion to table—John, second—Sulo, Passed unanimously

Discussion/Possible Action re Review of Current Ordinances

2017-01 Sex Offenders Craig recommended no changes Motion—Sulo, 2<sup>nd</sup>—Lee, Passed unanimously

2018-01 Building Lee recommended no changes Motion—Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sulo, Passed unanimously

2018-04 Tobacco Lenelle was not present, tabled

2018-05 Liquor/Wine and Fermented Malt Beverages John recommended “Use it or lose it” clause be incorporated. John will submit suggested revised ordinance in September. Motion—Sulo, 2<sup>nd</sup>—Jay, Passed unanimously

September Assignments—Sulo volunteered to review 2018-06 Directional Arrow Signs and Signage as it will relieve Lenelle of one of her ordinances

Discussion/Possible Action re Constable/Ordinance Enforcer—Jay had talked to the Towns To reinstitute a constable would require approval at a Town Meeting. This position would have all police powers. An ordinance enforcer can be hired by the Town Board and have limited powers pertaining only to ordinances. After discussion of the necessity of either position based on recent activity, the consensus was that neither is currently needed. Motion—Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup>—Sulo, Passed unanimously.

Discussion/Possible Action re Economic Development

Develop Branding and Logo—No one had significant ideas; to be brought up at a later time

Eyes on Entrepreneurs and Vilas County Economic Development Corp.—Both organizations are directed towards individuals, not towns

Pickle Ball Courts—Jay looked into cost. An individual court would cost about \$30,000, but would be less/court if multiple courts were contracted. A consensus was that the Town Board is

considering projects requiring significant resources. A suggestion was made that those interested start by raising funds privately as has been done for hockey, snowmobiling, bicycling, etc. This does not preclude future financial support from the Town.

#### Brownfield Development

Raised Garden Beds-There was significant interest, but not at the old dump. One idea was behind the Town Hall and ES Building. One requirement would be water availability. Jay will Make calls to ascertain an idea of budget.

#### Discussion/Possible Action re Budget

The only budget item at this time would be Land Use Plan books. We thought 15 total would cover our needs for WPC members and Town officials. As five are stipulated in the contract, an additional ten would run \$100. A second idea is handbooks for all members. A third need is training for incoming members of the Planning Commission, but no budget has been determined. A fourth budget consideration, although not a budget item of the Planning Commission, is, if a recommendation is forthcoming from the WPC for construction of raised garden beds, a budget item which would accompany the proposal. The other local Towns sponsoring gardens do charge an annual fee which over a period of time make this self-sustaining.

Old Business-None

New Business-None

Comments, Questions from the Floor—None

Next Meeting—September 27, 2021

Adjournment 8:12 P.M.—Motion—Sulo, 2<sup>nd</sup>—Lee, Passed unanimously