

WINCHESTER PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 24, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Jay Woolf

Roll Call: Present - Jay Woolf, Lenelle Scholl, Lee Stengele, John Melzer, Sulo Wainio, Town Supervisor John Grimmer, and Town Supervisor Jeff Whitney

Not Present - Brian Logan and Craig Van Ark

Quorum - Yes

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

Approval of Agenda - Motion - Sulo Wainio, 2nd - Lee Stengele, Approved

Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2021 - Motion - Lee Stengele, 2nd - Sulo Wainio, Approved

CORRESPONDENCE - Jay Woolf received bill from Central Wisconsin Planning Commission.

STATE HISTORICAL SITES LISTING

Jay stated that Wilson Divide Resort was not accepted due to there aren't enough original buildings on the property.

Castle Manor and Musky Manor are not participating.

Black Forest Resort has completed questionnaire and Jay has requested pictures. Chicago Pub will be sent a questionnaire. Mary Lake Cabin has completed paperwork.

LaHa farm, Winchester School, Birch Lake School, Williams Church, and Brentwood cabins and farm are sites being considered.

Sulo suggested considering site on Lake George which Lenelle Scholl will look into.

ECONOMIC GROWTH IN WINCHESTER

Lee Stengele suggested that Winchester purchase .6 acres of land for sale near the Winchester Town Park. Docks could be installed. Location is on Turtle Chain and would allow boats to dock by the Town Park. It was suggested to possibly have music in the park, picnics in the park and other gatherings and events.

The Town Park needs work and board members feel the Town of Winchester should do more and not rely on volunteers to do this.

Other events suggested and discussed to bring in revenue was organizing a poker run which could include Manitowish Waters and Presque Isle, a rummage sale, fishing flea market in the Town Park, a “Taste of Winchester”, and an archery show which Winchester was known for in the past.

Winchester would get involved with the activities calendar which exists among area towns and their chambers. This way activities aren’t planned on same days as other town activities.

It was suggested to request the Town Lakes Committee for it’s help to coordinate the individual lakes associations to possibly sponsor an event that would bring people to Winchester, for example a fishing tournament, tackle swap, boat show or any other activity they could suggest.

OLD BUSINESS

There is an open public meeting discussing the Land Use Plan scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at the Winchester Town Hall at 6:00 pm followed by Town Board Meeting at 7:00 pm. WPC members will be present discussing following topics:

Lenelle Scholl - Demographics and Housing
Jay Woolf - Natural, Cultural and Agricultural Resources
John Melzer - Utilities and Community Facilities
Lee Stengele - Transportation
Craig Van Ark - Economic Development
Sulo Wainio - Land Use

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMENTS - Sulo Wainio suggested future new business include utilization of the old recycling center which is 40 acres

NEXT MEETING - Correction from Agenda date - Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 28, 2021 7:00 pm at Winchester Town Hall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN - Motion - Sulo Wainio, 2nd - Lee Stengele, Approved - 8:00 pm