

Winchester Planning Commission Minutes
September 25, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Winchester Town Hall
7228 County Road W, Winchester Wisconsin 54557
Pending approval of the Commission

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Winchester Town Hall and via Zoom. Present were PC members Chairman Sulo Wainio, Glen Goldschmidt, James Logan, and Nicholas Newton. Mike Eichhorn, and John Melzer was present via zoom. Also at the meeting, Town Board Supervisor Joe Discianno, Town Board Liaison John Grimmer, and County Board Supervisor Dick Logan.

Roll was called, and a quorum was verified. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Solo Wainio

- Approval of the agenda at the Discretion of the Chair.
 - Approval of minutes of July 24, 2023 moved by Glen, seconded by Nicholas. Approval of the minutes of August 28, 2023 moved by Glen, seconded by Jim Logan.
 - Public comment: Glen Wildenburg sent a letter concerning zoning changes for the proposed subdivision on County K, between Hoskins road and Rita Lane, which has been reviewed by the PC members. Dick Logan Mentioned ARDC Senior nutrition program being trialed in early October.
- Town Board Liaison Report: John Grimmer discussed several items. North Lakeland Elementary was named a Blue Ribbon School, quite an honor. Joe Discianno will be working with the County on LRIP grant status. It was mentioned that 911 addresses need to be updated. Another meeting is scheduled October 3 at 6pm concerning changes in the Northwoods EMS organization between Winchester, Presque Isle, Manitowish Waters and Boulder Junction. Overweight trash compacters have been noted on county roads, a safety and DOT issue. This will be discussed with the transfer station attendant.

Old Business:

1. Discussion/possible action on ordinance fee schedule tabled. It was felt the schedule should be uniform, perhaps the ordinance re written including a fee schedule.
- 2. Discussion/possible action on residential building type and size limitations The purpose is to promote health, safety, welfare and to require local uniformity. This was discussed, Jim Logan moved to discontinue the motion as Winchester has no zoning authority at this time. Town Board needs to review, there will a meeting with the lawyer and County zoning will be consulted. Motion tabled by Jim Logan, seconded by Nic Newton.
- 3. Discussion/Possible action on Hazardous Wake ordinance drafted by Town Lakes Committee was reviewed and found to be a compromise between the two factions. The lakes were named that were deemed appropriate for use were Harris, Birch, North Turtle and possibly South Turtle. This ordinance must be sent to the town board, lawyer and DNR for approval.
- 4. Discussion/possible action on room tax, development of permit form and instructions as part of room tax process. Dick Logan to get PC a draft to look at a permit form. Tabled at present, pending County board meeting.
- 5. Discussion/possible action public hearings conducted September 23, 2023 for comprehensive land use amendment. Town Board to discuss, Sulo to amend land use plan.

New Business

- 1. Discussion/possible action on 2020 census report and demographics, up to date numbers, number of properties, 2022 building permits of Winchester. (from town Clerk and Paul Carlson).
- 2. Discussion/Possible action on ordinance to amend 2021 land use plan. Sulo to amend land use plan.
- 3. Discussion/possible action review chapter two of Winchester Comprehensive Plan.

Future Agenda items/ Building type and Room tax,; questions to Dave, Vilas County Administrator;
Forest plan; Town Board budget request, Updated Winchester maps.

Motion to adjourn Glen Goldschmidt, seconded by Jim Logan, at 8:24pm

Future Meeting; 7:00PM Monday , October 23, 2023

Submitted by Cassandra Lee,. Secretary