

Winchester Planning Commission Minutes
November 27, 2023 7:00 pm at the Winchester Town Hall
7228 Highway W, Winchester Wis. 54557

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, James Logan, Nicholas Newton, Lenelle Scholl, Glen Goldschmidt and Robert Silvis, new member and voting alternate. Stefanie Kutz, another new PC member and voting alternate was sworn in by Sulo. John Melzer, Matt and Tom were 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 October 23, 2023 moved by Jim after a slight correction, seconded by Glen.
- Town Board Liaison Report: John Grimmer was discussing Broadband with Brightspeed, the telephone company. John also voiced concerns about Wakeboat use on Winchester Lakes. Presque Isle has a program concerning use of these boats, which has moved to the DNR for approval. In the State Legislature, there are movements to change present setbacks from the shore and lake size for wakeboat use, and make these changes over-ride local rulings. It is felt that local people would support stricter limits on these craft than what the state is putting forth. Discussion of this issue is on-going under Old Business. Jim Logan is researching this issue. The head of Town Lakes Committee Rolf Ethan has stepped down and been replaced. The library received a new water heater. There is continuing work on the Community Forest Registration process.

Correspondence: Mike Eichhorn has resigned from Planning Committee for health reasons. His input will be missed.

Commission Member reports: Jim Logan has contacted local politicians concerning Rules pertaining to Wakeboats, setbacks, lake size restrictions. State Senator Mary Felzkowski felt the rules changing local control would not be happening any time soon.

Old Business

1. Discussion/possible action on Room Tax Fees Glen Goldchmidt has been working on the process. John Grimmer has been working on the proposed ordinance and incorporated legal counsel notes. Dick Logan has been working with the county, and they would like to have town input and work in concert with the town. Stephanie Kutz worked on clarification of the permitting process for short term rentals and emphasized itemization pass the of taxes, and good record-keeping. Glen moved to pass the ordinance to the Town Board and Jim seconded.
2. Discussion/possible action on ordering new maps: Tabled until January PC meeting when new maps will be available.
3. Discussion/possible action on questions for Vilas Co Zoning Administrator: Members encouraged to think about questions for the Administrator.
4. Discussion/possible action on reviewing maps in Comprehensive plan: see #2.

New Business

- 1. Discussion/possible action on Winchester lot size: Discuss with zoning Administrator; cannot dictate lot size without zoning.

- 2. Discussion/possible action room tax ordinance. See Old Business #1
- 3. Discussion/possible action lawyer's response to Wakeboat ordinance: awaiting public hearing, completed orders, and DNR advisory condition report. Also discussed in the Town Board Liaison Report.
- 4. Discussion/possible action review chapter three and four of Winchester Comprehensive Plan. 2021. Tabled.
- 5. Glen Goldschmidt announced he was quitting the Planning Committee for personal reasons. He was a hard worker and will be missed.

Future Agenda items/ Building; questions to Dave, Vilas County Administrator; Forest plan; Nicolas will be assisting PC members with setting up new e-mails, Updated Winchester maps.

Motion to adjourn Glen Goldschmidt, seconded by Nicolas at 21:01 pm.

Future Meeting; 7:00PM Monday , January 22, 2024.

Submitted by Cassandra Lee,. Secretary

Pending Approval of the Commission