

Winchester Planning Commission Minutes
January 22, 2024 7:02 pm at the Winchester Town Hall
7228 Highway W, Winchester Wis. 54557

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm at the Winchester Town Hall and via Zoom. Present were PC members Chairman Sulo Wainio, James Logan, Nicholas Newton, Lenelle Scholl, Robert Silvis, and new member and voting alternate. Stefanie Kutz. John Melzer there via Zoom. Also at the meeting, Town Board Supervisor Joe Discianno, Town Board Liaison John Grimmer, and County Board Supervisor Dick Logan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 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. So moved by Sulo, seconded by Lynelle.
- Approval of minutes of November 27, 2023 moved by Jim after a slight correction of the spelling of Stephanie's name, seconded by Stephanie.

Town Board Liaison Report: There is continuing work on the Community Forest Registration process; 4 parcels of land have been put forward. Vilas County zoning hearing concerning Chuck Kramer's proposed building project on county K near the North Lakeland School will be held 9am Thursday February 1, 2024 at the Courthouse in Eagle River. The Town needs to give opinions, and Joe Discianno has been working on preparations. There was a light pollution concern; Town Board may revisit the ordinance.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comments: None

Commission Member reports: Jim Logan has contacted local politicians concerning Rules pertaining to wake boats, setbacks, lake size restrictions. State Senator Mary Felzkowski has been communicating with Jim on this issue.

Old Business

1. Discussion/possible action Winchester Room Tax. 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, fees and penalties, along with Robert and the Town Clerk. They will form a PC group who can work together and exchange Emails. There was mention of the need for an effective date for the ordinance. Nic moved to continue the process, Jim Logan seconded the motion.
2. Discussion/possible action on questions for Vilas Co Zoning Administrator: Members encouraged to think about questions for the Administrator, and numerous questions were suggested for Dave S. Do we want develop zoning for Winchester? Do we want to list all ordinances we want enforced? What are covered by the County, and what is the procedure for enforcement . Can Winchester Driveway Ordinance appear on Vilas Co Building Permits? Do we anticipate any changes or special issues?
3. Discussion/possible action on Winchester lot sizes. What can we do without zoning? Refer to Dave S.
4. Discussion/possible action on lawyer's response to Wake boat ordinance. Ordinance revised 12/5/2023. DNR and lawyer's responses forwarded to Sulo. There will be a public hearing February 10, 2024 at 10am.

5. Discussion/ possible action on reviewing maps in Town of Winchester Comprehensive Plan 2021 and Vilas County zoning maps. Tabled until next meeting when all maps have arrived; may be redone online.
6. Discussion/ possible action on developing zoning for Town of Winchester. Everyone aware of legal opinion. See #2.

New Business

1. Discussion/Possible action on assigning tasking numbers to new members. This was explained to members, and numbers assigned.
2. Discussion/possible action on procedure of sending approved ordinances to the Winchester Town Board. Ordinance adopted amendment and enforcement sent to all members. Biggest problem is that the ordinance exceeds the Town's authority, perhaps state statutes as well.
3. Discussion/possible action on Winchester Public hearing on Wake boat Ordinance to be held February 10, 2024 at 10 am at Winchester Town Hall. Copies of the draft ordinance on the web. Paper copies should be available at the meeting, possible zoom meeting?
4. Discussion/possible action review chapter three and four of Winchester Comprehensive Plan. 2021. Needs to be checked for spelling errors, any poor grammar. Need to revisit fines and penalties, removal of old duplicate ordinances. Updated information available from Paul Carlson.

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 by Sulo, seconded by Nicolas at 21:10 pm.

Future Meeting; 7:00PM Monday, February 26, 2024.

Submitted by Cassandra Lee,. Secretary