

**TOWN OF CABLE PLAN COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

**1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Town of Cable Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Kastrosky at 5:30 p.m. on December 3, 2019 at the Cable Community Center.

Present: Chairman Karl Kastrosky, Commissioners Kristine Lendved, Monte Lewis, Tony Merrill, Susan Thurn, Shelly Wilson, Kathy Zuelsdorff, Secretary Jeannie Dixon and members of the public.

**2. Chairman's Remarks**

**3. Agenda**

There being no changes to the agenda, Commissioner Thurn made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unopposed.

**4. Minutes**

Minutes from the November 5, 2019 meeting were presented and reviewed. There being no corrections Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the minutes with a second by Commissioner Lendved. Motion approved.

**5. Public Input**

Several comments and general discussion from the floor regarding difficulty in finding Plan Commission information such as meeting agendas and meeting minutes on the Town of Cable website. Commissioner Wilson addressed these concerns by informing the group that the Town Board has recently signed a contract with a new website design company which will carry out the responsibilities of managing all aspects of the Town site. This should help alleviate the public's concerns going forward. This topic is further discussed in Agenda Item 6.

**6. Cable Tomorrow/Comprehensive Plan Updates and Projects**

-Commissioner e-mail update: Commissioner Wilson suggested that since an e-mail through the Town of Cable system via Norvado would be quite expensive, setting up free new e-mail inboxes using Google g-mail is recommended. By consensus it is agreed that all Plan Commission members should update their e-mail addresses with a g-mail account which is consistent with the following format: [firstinitial.lastnameTOC@gmail.com](mailto:firstinitial.lastnameTOC@gmail.com) and begin using it for all correspondence related to the Plan Commission. Commissioner Wilson will contact Norvado to discontinue Chairman Kostrosky's Town of Cable e-mail address.

-Use of Community Center kiosk: Following discussion Commissioner Zuelsdorff agreed to manage Town of Cable public notices on the kiosk in front of Community Center on CTH M. She will obtain the key needed to accomplish this by talking to the Town Deputy Clerk.

-As mentioned in Agenda Item 5, The Town of Cable has recently contracted with a new website design company out of Madison to manage the Town website. The company is well versed in

municipal website design and will be paid a set fee to manage our site. We will have a certain amount of local control to post and edit items to the site. Commissioner Wilson will be the local contact until the new town treasurer gets up to speed with her job and then it will be added to her duties.

## **7. Issues and Opportunities**

### **8. Housing**

-The Ralph & Donna Govert Class A Special Use Permit Application for R-2 short term rental was submitted to the Commission for review. General discussion points included:

- \*Regarding occupancy allowed under an approved Permit, the property owners can only advertise per the occupancy design of the sewer system capacity for the residence.
- \*The Permit issuing authority is Bayfield County so they are the entity responsible for revoking or canceling the Permit if problems arise.
- \*There was a request from the floor by Paul Gilbert to add the address location of Permit applications to the meeting agenda.

Following the discussion Commissioner Thurn made a motion to recommend the Govert Special Use permit be forwarded to the Town Board for approval since it is compatible with the Land Use Plan, has met all of our application procedures and inspection requirements and supports recreational use in our community. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lendved and carried unopposed.

-The Danielle Maurer Class A Special Use Permit Application for R-2 short term rental was submitted to the Commission for review. General discussion points included:

- \*The application form was incomplete.
- \*Land use and inspection reports were not provided.
- \*Request for additional information needs to be communicated to property owner, along with a packet of application materials and a timeline for resubmittal.

Following the discussion Commissioner Lewis made a motion that the application papers be returned to the Town Clerk for forwarding to the originator along with requirements of application process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Merrill and passed unopposed. Commissioner Zuelsdorff agreed to be the Plan Commission contact on this matter and will work with the Town Clerk and property owner for resubmittal of the application.

## **9. Agriculture, Natural and Cultural Resources**

## **10. Transportation**

## **11. Utilities**

## **12. Intergovernmental Cooperation**

As a follow-up to last month's meeting discussion concerning Great Divide Ambulance Service's potential need for greater facility space, Commissioner Lewis reached out by e-mail to Rob Puls seeking an overview of the ambulance service operation with the intent of better informing the public. Highlights from Rob Puls response include:

- The annual operating budget for the Ambulance Service is 1.5 million, of which the Four Towns owning the service contribute \$125,000 total.

- The balance over and above the \$125,000 is generated by Great Divide. This includes savings for new vehicles and equipment and advanced education for staff. Additional financial burdens include ongoing staff overtime paid in order to continue operations, health insurance incentives and participating in the State retirement program in order to attract and keep service providers. Great Divide has tried to slowly replace these additional financial burdens without raising Town subsidies.
- Great Divide has out grown their current space in Cable both for housing service providers and garaging the ambulances, which has led to the discussion of the feasibility of the Runamuck building in Cable to accommodate anticipated current and future needs. Current asking price for the building is \$359,000 and following an engineering assessment done it will require additional renovations in the amount of \$150,000 - \$200,000 to bring it up to Municipal code requirements.
- Since Great Divide is not currently in a financial position to shoulder both the cost of the building purchase and the renovations, they proposed at a recent joint Four Towns meeting that if the four towns could purchase the Runamuck property collectively, Great Divide could then finance the renovations out of their budget. Great Divide currently owns the house and property at 13505 Jenkins St so that could be liquidated and put toward a new project.
- Two of the first out ambulances in Cable are both near 200,000 miles and Great Divide was not able to put replacement for either of them in next year's budget. Additionally, current contracts with the six towns they serve in Ashland County expire in 12 months so there is a lot of planning and decision making in the immediate future.
- Rob Puls' e-mailed report has been received for the record.

### **13. Economic Development**

#### **14. Recreational**

-As noted in the minutes of the November 5, 2019 meeting, Bayfield County is in the process of updating their Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and therefore has requested that the Town of Cable Plan Commission submit any changes made to their Recreation Plan for updating. Commissioner Zuelsdorff reported that she has made edits and additions and submitted them electronically to the Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Department. A copy of her report was submitted for the record.

#### **15. Land Use**

-Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance 41 was brought to the table for discussion. Chairman Kastrosky read paragraph (25m) of the Ordinance pertaining to the description of a Hobby Farm and the keeping of farm animals. The ordinance states in part "...for commercial or personal use in a zoning district other than Ag-1 or Ag-2, and excluding up to six(6) chicken hens."

-Discussion ensued as to the specifics of the ordinance , who it will impact in our community and how is it going to be implemented. There was a question from the floor from Knutsons that if a residential home owner wanted more than 6 hens would a special

use permit be required? Chairman Kastrosky confirmed yes, that is correct. Anything other than 6 hens at a residential location anywhere in the Township would require a special permit.

-It was stated that the Cable Natural History Museum has previously been issued the proper permits for their birds and animals.

-The previously referred proposed ordinance drafted by the Town of Cable Board which prohibited the keeping of "...wild animals, livestock and poultry with the Village of Cable...." has not yet been adopted by the Town.

-Following further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to recommend disapproval of the proposed ordinance brought forward for adoption by the Town of Cable Board and that we revert to the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance 41 pertaining to this matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried.

## **16. Implementation**

-Regarding cataloging of Plan amendments in order to prepare for a public hearing, Chairman Kastrosky suggested that a work group be in place and meet by the end of January 2020 in order to develop a plan to accomplish the task.

## **17. Other Issues**

-Chairman Kastrosky met with Chamber Acting Director Heather Ludzack to discuss the idea of partnering with the Plan Commission to consider an Event Coordinator and developing an Event Checklist in order to get a handle on the many events that take place. Heather responded that she did not believe the Chamber would be able to provide an Event Coordinator person to do the work but would bring the idea to their Board at next meeting for possible other ways they could partner with us.

-Commissioner Merrill suggested the need for an ordinance to be developed to enforce the No Parking areas in town. Chairman Kastrosky responded that we will be working on an overall signage plan for consistency throughout the Township and asked if the Commissioner could hold off on drafting the ordinance for now until the work on the signage plan is done.

-Safety issues relating to Roller blading on Town blacktop roads was also discussed. Chairman Kastrosky suggested that the County of Bayfield should be consulted regarding the matter before any further action.

## **18. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Town of Cable Plan Commission is scheduled for January 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cable Community Center.

## **19. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Chmn Kastrosky at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeannie Dixon, Secretary.