

****TOWN OF CABLE PLAN COMMISSION****
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2021

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Town of Cable Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Tony Erba at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 in the main assembly room of the Cable Community Center. **Present:** Chairman Tony Erba, Commissioners Kristine Lendved, Tony Merrill, David Popelka, Sue Thurn, and Shelly Wilson. Kathy Zuelsdorff was excused from the meeting.

2. Chairman Remarks

- Chairman Erba shared thoughts regarding Item 7 on the Agenda as the idea behind having this topic on the agenda is actually much broader than as stated. In past conversations with Town Chair Malcom Haag, it was discussed that Malcolm would like the Plan Commission to engage in critical thinking on matters that come before the Commission for the benefit of the Town Board. Therefore Erba would like the Commission to be a welcoming forum for people to bring issues forward and the McNaught-Randysek Rd intersection topic fits into this category.

3. Town Board Update

Commissioner Popelka provided the following as Town Board meeting update:

- The Board denied the rezone request for the Popelka property east of Randysek Rd.
- The Menzel permit was approved by the Town however the potential buyer backed out because Bayfield County would only allow two units rather than three in the building. The County stated that the land that the existing building sits on is 60,000 sq ft rather than the 90,000 sq ft required for three units and the project was not financially feasible for the potential buyer.
- Leopold permit was approved
- Town of Cable/Cable Chamber sign permit was approved
- The action to abandon Town Hall Rd has begun.

Commissioner Thurn asked for clarification as to why the Popelka property rezone was denied. Commissioner Merrill responded that he felt the Land Use Plan, according to his interpretation, does not allow the rezone and also that there is a problem for the St Croix Riverway in that they state that a section of the property is part of the Scenic Riverway.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Erba asked to add discussion of planning for the 2022 Budget as an agenda item. Commissioner Merrill made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Lendved and carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Following review, a motion was made by Commissioner Popelka to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried.

6. Public Input - Non-Agenda Items

Malcolm Haag took the floor as a member of the public with regard to a building project on E. Cable Lake Rd. The project consists of replacing an existing garage with a 28 x 32 structure that has a garage on the lower level and a bunkhouse with heat and electricity only on the upper level. The bunkhouse is for family use only. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that this type of building construction does not need to come before the Plan Commission for approval. Haag was advised to work with Bayfield County who has the approval authority in this case.

David Popelka shared that he had attended a Wisconsin Towns Association meeting recently wherein it was reported that the County had passed a resolution to form a study committee for EMS services in Bayfield County. The County is asking Towns to submit nominations for members to sit on the committee. The Town of Cable and Plan Commission can submit six names drawn from Town Board members, EMS members and public members. The first meeting is in September and Cable nominations are to be considered at the August Town Board meeting. Since it is important to have the southern end of the County represented, names should be submitted to the Town as soon as possible.

7. Transportation - Discussion regarding McNaught-Randysek Intersection

As a follow-up to an item from last month's meeting, Mike Choate was present at the meeting tonight and confirmed that he did forward photos of the McNaught-Randysek intersection to Chairman Erba to detail the problem. Commissioner Thurn said she had discussed the issue with Jason Swanson who said trees on the SE corner of the intersection could be pruned. They also discussed what signage could be added on the corner. Not much can be done regarding the hill on the SE corner without re-doing the whole road - it would have to wait for Randysek to come up on the road upgrades schedule to

address the slope. It was suggested that a short-term fix may be to move the stop sign on McNaught closer to the corner and to put a SLOW sign on Randysek for north-bound traffic. Tree trimming can also be requested.

8. 2022 Budget Planning

Chairman Erba brought up this topic for discussion in preparation for the 2022 budget. He asked members to consider upcoming expenses, specifically related to the Comprehensive Plan revision such as public notices, public meetings, printing expenses, etc. He suggested that we keep the budget request for the plan revision broader as an umbrella item. Chairman Erba will respond to Clerk Kelly Rauch in time for the Town Board meeting.

9. Members Comments

Commissioner Wilson asked for discussion on what are relevant or acceptable issues from the public for the Plan Commission to address. Chairman Erba responded that if a member of the public comes before the Commission and brings a topic that needs to eventually go to the Town Board he suggests that he would like the Commission to research the topic first and pass the topic on to the Town Board as appropriate. What is unacceptable is for the Commission to operate outside our lane of authority on our own. We just do not want citizens to walk away from Commission meetings feeling that they have not been heard.

10. Next Meeting - September 7, 2021

11. Adjournment

- Chairman Erba adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Jeannie Dixon, Secretary

Approved: September 8, 2021