

**TOWN OF CABLE PLAN COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 1, 2020**

**1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Town of Cable Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Andy Schwartz at 5:30 PM on December 1, 2020 in the main assembly room of the Cable Community Center. Members Present: Chairman Andy Schwartz, Commissioners Anthony Erba, Kristine Lendved, Tony Merrill, Sue Thurn, Shelly Wilson and Kathy Zuelsdorff

**2. Chairman Remarks**

Chairman Schwartz acknowledged members of the public, Nora and Doug O’Leary and Agent Mike Furtek, who were present regarding a Conditional Use Permit which will be addressed later in the meeting.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Commissioner Zuelsdorff to approve the agenda as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Merrill and carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Following review, a motion was made by Commissioner Thurn to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrill and carried.

**5. Public Input - Non-Agenda Items**

At this time Chairman Schwartz explained that the Conditional Use Permit request for a property located at 45905 Krafts Point Rd and owned by Nora and Doug O’Leary, has been brought before the Commission. This is in order to seek approval from the Plan Commission prior to it being addressed at a Bayfield County hearing scheduled on December 17, 2020. Chairman Schwartz gave the floor to Doug O’Leary who provided a brief summary of the details of the permit request. Since discussion of this Permit request was not included on this meeting agenda and in order to give proper notice to the public, Chairman Schwartz proposed that another meeting be scheduled prior to December 17 to address the request. Subsequently a Plan Commission meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend online or in person, with the agenda and further details posted at the public announcement boards and on the Town website.

**6.a. Comprehensive Plan Update, Data Sources and Uses**

Chairman Schwartz reported on his meeting with the Bayfield County Assistant Planner. The following are possible items and/or data that the Commission may be interested in using as they undertake the Comprehensive Plan revision:

-Population tables, will be available after Census is done at end of year  
-County GIS system - Unfortunately is not available to use for our purposes.

-Industry/job numbers - These are not specific to small areas such as a town, but are available for the larger area of NW Wisconsin in general.

Commissioner Thurn suggested that the UW Extension is an excellent resource and are available to assist at no cost to the Town. NWRPC is also an agency who can provide assistance in the process however there would be fees involved. Concerning obtaining an editable copy of the Plan, Chairman Schwartz will check with Bayfield County on availability and in addition Commissioner Wilson will attempt to convert the pdf document to MS Word using an online app.

### **6b. Commission Vision for Comprehensive Plan Update**

Discussion for how to approach the Plan update included:

- Items that are descriptive but not actionable should be removed
- Use of the State statute for guidance as to what is required to be represented in the Plan
- In addition to cleaning up the document, the Plan should inspire future community leaders for action
- Expression of values is missing in the plan
- Suggested to begin review with Chapter 2 Issues and Opportunities and include “values” in the Chapter heading

Summary for next month’s meeting:

1. Commissioner Thurn will forward to members the link to the State Statute citing what relates to Plan Revisions. She will also make available the survey that was done as part of the Cable Tomorrow effort which compiles what was important to citizens of the Town.
2. Chairman Schwartz will check with Bayfield County for availability of an editable copy of the Plan.
3. Commissioner Wilson will try to convert the pdf to a Word doc.
4. Members should come to next meeting prepared to discuss Chapter 2 of the Plan.

### **6.c. Connect Communities Update**

Commissioner Thurn stated that wherein many Holiday activities have been cancelled due to covid-19, the Tree Lighting ceremony will take place this Friday from 5-6 pm.

## **7. Issues and Opportunities**

Possibility of transitioning to remote Plan Commission meetings - following a discussion of the pros and cons on this topic, Commissioner Thurn made a motion to hold January 2021 and all subsequent meetings remotely for the safety and health of the community. Further discussion ensued resulting in this motion being stricken and replaced by a second motion by Chairman Schwartz that for the immediate future the option be given to attend either online or in person for the

purposes of health and safety during the pandemic. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thurn and carried.

**8. Future Agenda Items**

-Begin review and update of Chapter 2 of the Comprehensive Plan

**9. Next Meeting:**

\*Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 5:00 p.m. - O’Leary Conditional Use Permit

\*Tuesday, January 5, 2020, 5:30 p.m. - Monthly Plan Commission meeting

**Attendance at meetings is at individual’s discretion via Zoom online or in person at the Cable Community Center. Masks are required when attending in person. See meeting agenda for online meeting link.**

**10. Adournment**

Chairman Schwartz adjourned this meeting of the Plan Commission at 6:46 p.m.

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Jeannie Dixon  
Plan Commission Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_