

DRAFT*TOWN OF CABLE PLAN COMMISSION***DRAFT**
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 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, December 7, 2021 in the main assembly room of the Cable Community Center. **Present:** Chairman Tony Erba, Commissioners Kristine Lendved, Tony Merrill, Sue Thurn, Shelly Wilson and members of the public. Commissioner David Popelka joined later in the meeting.

2. Town Board Update

Commissioner Merrill provided the following as a Town Board meeting update:

- The primary topic related to the Plan Commission at the November Town Board meeting was a review and discussion concerning the Town's Short Term Rental ordinance and policies, including the possibility of raising annual fees and the room tax assessment.

3. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrill and carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

There being no corrections and recognizing that the November regular meeting of the Commission had been cancelled, a motion was made by Commissioner Lendved to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried.

5. Public Input - Non-Agenda Items

There was no public input.

6. Land Use

- **Conditional Use Permit Renewal for non-metallic mining of sand and gravel in a AG-1 district at 41510 US 63, Cable, Nancy Kelley and Merlena Wegener, Owners with Kaitlynn Peper, Agent - Kaitlynn Peper** was present on behalf of Owners. She explained that the permit request before the Commission is for a Renewal of the existing 10-year permit, which is set to expire. The only change that has occurred since

the last permit approval is that the restoration plan has been changed to restore the mined area to a “grassland” area rather than being restored to a forested area. There are no issues from surrounding neighbors. Commissioner Thurn, who is a nearby neighbor, stated that there is no issue with noise from the mining operation at all. Following further discussion, **Commissioner Thurn made a motion to recommend to the Town Board that the Conditional Use Permit Renewal for the non-metallic mining operation located at 41510 USH 63 be approved as it meets the Town of Cable Land Use Plan by providing appropriate natural resources for our region and is consistent with the mining overlay contained in the Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lendved and carried unopposed.**

7. Housing

- **Class A Special Use Permit request for short-term rental located at 14625 Resort Rd Unit #3, Cable, Jan D. Taher, Owner, with Mike Furtak, Authorized Agent** - Furtak, who was present at the meeting, explained that permit pertains only to one condo unit (#3), which is part of a duplex condo unit with Unit #4. Only Unit #3 is intended to be a short-term rental. This unit had a previously approved short-term rental permit, which has since lapsed. The property is across Resort Road from Lake Owen and is managed by Mike Best, RRP. Following further discussion, a **motion was made by Commissioner Wilson that the request for a Class A Special Use Short Term Rental permit located at 14625 Resort Rd, Unit #3 be approved (contingent on the required inspections per the Town of Cable Short Term Rental Ordinance to be conducted). The approval meets the Town of Cable Land Use Plan since it encourages development that includes renter occupied units for housing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thurn and carried unopposed.**

8. Inter-Governmental Cooperation

- **Four Towns October 27, 2021 meeting update** - Chairman Erba highlighted the following points of interest from the meeting:
 - Based on survey results of population dynamics, Bayfield County will be the oldest county in the state with a median age of 52 compared to other parts of the state where the median age is 32.
 - At least 43% of the housing in Bayfield County is seasonal or recreational.

- Since 2010, there have been only 11 rental units constructed in Bayfield County; workforce and senior rentals are needed.
 - 50% of the seniors responding to the survey indicated they are looking to be in a different home in the next 5-10 years.
 - The Rural Affordable Housing Initiative will begin in January 2022 with implementation scheduled for 2023.
- Commissioner Popelka added that the Bayfield County Housing Authority is planning to update all their properties and expand a number of properties with Cable being in the running for expansion. The Housing Authority will be visiting Cable in January and Popelka has suggested they attend a Plan Commission Meeting when they firm up their plans.
 - **Short Term Rental Update** - There was consensus that the four Town Boards want to get a handle on this issue and are looking at the possibility of increasing fees and room taxes. The room tax discussion is tabled until the room tax commission has a chance to meet. Short Term Rental fees paid by property owners is a self-reporting responsibility and is not always happening across the board. Town employees are spending more and more of their time following through to collect fees due the towns.

9. Member Comments

- Chairman Erba shared two pieces of correspondence received from Bayfield County:
 - Following the October 21, 2021 public hearing, the County Planning and Zoning Committee has approved the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation's conditional use application for their proposed multiple unit development project on the former Telemark properties.
 - Notification from the County Clerk that Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinances 2021-11 and 2021-12 were adopted on October 26, 2021. #11 relates to Section 15-1-22, Appeals to the Planning & Zoning Committee on Sanitary and Private Sewage code orders. #12 relates to Section 13-1-62, removal of "bottling plant" as a permissible conditional use category.
- Commissioner Thurn shared that the design options for the Welcome to Cable sign project have been submitted and she would like the Plan Commission to review them. She will forward the designs in an email to members and this item to be added to next month's agenda

10. Next Meeting - January 4, 2022

11. Adjournment

- Chairman Erba adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Dixon, Secretary

Approved: _____