

DRAFT*TOWN OF CABLE PLAN COMMISSION***DRAFT**
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2022

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Town of Cable Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Tony Erba at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 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.

2. Town Board Update

- Commissioner Popelka stated that the Town Board passed a motion to send the Events Checklist issue back to the Plan Commission for review before a decision is made by the Board. The main issue is that events are being held in town without communication between event organizers and town officials. Town employees' services are often needed before, during, or after an event. Following discussion, Chairman Erba appointed Commissioner Wilson to take the lead on this matter. A report back to the Plan Commission at the next meeting was suggested in order to update the Town Board on progress at the Board's March meeting.
- Commissioner Merrill stated that the McNaught/Randysek traffic issue was discussed and that Supervisor Weber will be contacting the Birkie Foundation to discuss.
- Merrill also pointed out that the short term rental room tax issue was tabled until a meeting can be scheduled with all parties involved in the matter.

3. Approval of Agenda

There was a request from Commissioner Popelka to revise "Item 7-Housing" on the agenda to include the proposed expansion of housing opportunities in the Town of Cable. There being no objection, Popelka made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Lendved and carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

There being no corrections, a motion was made by Commissioner Thurn to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried.

5. Public Input - Non-Agenda Items

- There was no public input.

6. Housing

- **Class A Special Use permit request for 45815 E Cable Lake Rd, John Fisher Owner, Jacob Fisher authorized agent** - Mr. Fisher is requesting permission to rent the cabin located at above address as a vacation rental property. Although Jacob Fisher was unable to attend this meeting, Chairman Erba did speak with him by phone. Mr. Fisher informed the chairman that Bayfield County has issued him a tourist rooming house license with no conditions for the property. Mr. Fisher will be advised that he will need to complete the Town's short term rental application and will also need to have an agent who can be onsite at the property within one hour of notice, per the Town's short term rental ordinance. Commissioner Lendved then made a motion to **recommend to the Town Board the approval of the Class A Special Use permit request for stated property pending successful filing of the short term rental application and the room tax permit, along with completion of all required inspections. This recommendation meets the Town of Cable's Comprehensive Land Use Plan as it contributes to an adequate range of housing opportunities to meet the community's varied needs.** The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried unopposed.
- **Proposed Expansion of Housing Opportunities** - Commissioner Popelka updated the members on a meeting that took place last week when he and Chairman Erba met with the Bayfield County Housing Authority and their planners. The meeting took place after Popelka was contacted by Bayfield County regarding the potential for expanding available housing in Cable. The Housing Authority plans to remodel/update the current housing unit (8 residences) in Cable on Jenkins Rd. In addition, they would like to build more units on that specific property. Their preferred plan is to build another 8-unit building. There also is an option to build an array of small individual cottages instead of the 8-unit building, but there may be problems with the County's open space requirements on the land available.

There has also been a letter received from the Bayfield County Administrator asking for help in identifying potential building sites in the Town of Cable with a "respond by" date of February 28, 2022.

In addition, a letter has been received from Kelly Peterson who is the County Extension Education Coordinator. She advised that the Chequamegon Bay Housing ad hoc committee study has released their final report. The final report and analysis will be forthcoming to all the towns in Bayfield County. She has offered to do a presentation to the towns regarding the results of the survey and housing needs in the County. Following discussion, Commission members suggested the date of March 2 for the Cable presentation. Commissioner Popelka will check with the Town Board if that fits their schedule and also will check on the availability of the Community Center before he confirms the date with Ms. Peterson.

9. Members Comments

- Chairman Erba advised that electronic copies of the revised Event Checklist and input from the public in the form of e-mails are available from the Town Clerk. He asked Secretary Dixon to forward same to the members to aid in the upcoming review of the matter by the Plan Commission.
- There is no update at this point on the Welcome to Cable sign project, per Commissioner Thurn.

10. Next Meeting - March 1, 2022

11. Chairman Erba adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Dixon, Secretary

Approved: _____