

**TOWN OF CABLE PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

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 February 4, 2020 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. Also present: Tim Lisson, Matt McFarland and Kurt Frank representing XCEL Energy, David Popelka and Pat Cherney.

2. Chairman's Remarks

3. Agenda

Commissioner Kastrosky moved that Agenda item 15. (Land Use)* be addressed as the first point of discussion in order to accommodate the XCEL Energy representatives attending this meeting. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

4. Minutes

Minutes from the January 7, 2020 meeting were presented and reviewed. **There being no corrections Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the minutes with a second by Commissioner Merrill. Motion approved.**

5. Public Input

Other than discussion which follows concerning a rezone request there was no additional public input.

***Agenda Item 15. Land Use**

a. Representatives of the Northern States Power Co. d/b/a/ Xcel Energy (as noted above in Item 1) were present to address the Rezone request from F1 to R1 for the NSP substation located at 13840 CTH M. Matt McFarland summarized current situation stating that the existing electrical substation has reached the end of its life, being approximately 80 years old. In order to keep electricity service to our growing community a new substation must be constructed.

Current site is too small and is located in swampy area. Research was done to better locate station in an upland area however all available options were exhausted and no sellers available. The existing substation cannot be removed so it is proposed that the new substation be built directly adjacent to old site on .5 acre plot to the east which has been purchased by NSP.

Current zoning for the .5 acre is F1 Conservancy, in which the construction of substation would not be allowed. DNR and Army Corp of Engineers permits have been issued but a rezoning from F1 to R1 is also required by Bayfield County. If approved, construction activity would commence in the spring and be completed by end of 2020.

Following further discussion Chairman Kastrosky moved to recommend to the Town Board that the rezone request from F1 to R1 for the property located at 13840 CTH M be approved, as it will allow for a much needed refurbishing of the present electric station, is in the interest of public health and safety and is compatible with the Town of Cable Land Use Plan. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

Land Use, cont'd

b. Bayfield County Ordinance Amendment creating Section 13-1-34 (a) – (d) concerning Home Occupations. New recommended ordinance pertains to Home Occupations which are allowed to be established in residences without obtaining a permit. Also sets forth requirements for the operation of such Home Occupations. Request from the Town Clerk came before the Plan Commission to review proposed ordinance and make a recommendation to the Town Board for forwarding to Bayfield County. This is in advance of a public hearing to be scheduled concerning the matter.

Following discussion and review of the County's proposal, Chairman Kastrosky made a motion to recommend approval to the Town Board for referral to the County as the new ordinance supports economic development and encourages increased business opportunities in the community. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed unopposed.

6. Cable Tomorrow/Comprehensive Plan Updates and Projects

a. Commissioner Lendved gave update on behalf of the Plan Amendment Workgroup (Lendved, Zuelsdorff, Dixon). Organizing meeting was held, amendment topics identified in preparation for public hearing, and a worksheet developed to catalogue and track progression of proposed plan amendments through various levels of approval. Discussion took place with the following input: A Recreation Element needs to be added to the Comprehensive Plan; maps representing the Zoning District, Future Land Use, Airport Overlay and Sanitary District should be incorporated into the Plan.

7. Issues and Opportunities

Commissioner Zuelsdorff reported that the Cable Natural History Museum will be sponsoring a Sustainability Fair being planned for our community on Saturday August 8, 2020.

8. Housing

David Popelka announced that the Chequamegon Bay Housing group has submitted their grant application for proposed study of area housing needs and it looks that it will be awarded. The next step is that a draft questionnaire will be prepared to send to the four townships. Cable Township should let Popelka know if they have questions to be included in or topics they would like to see added to the questionnaire. This matter will be added to next month's Plan Commission meeting agenda.

9. Agriculture, Natural and Cultural Resources

10. Transportation

11. Utilities/Community Facilities

12. Intergovernmental Cooperation

13. Economic Development

a. Connect Communities Update, Commissioner Thurn.

-Signage Committee is actively working on the North/South village entry welcome signs.

-Sara Balbin and Julie Frierhood are working on a proposed plan for the Higgins

and Legion parks in order to enhance what is already there.

-Quarterly Business meetings and the Walking Map were discussed

-For next Connect meeting on February 11 the group is considering eye catching ideas to develop in time for the Birkebeiner.

Discussion took place as to how businesses can be better communicated with.

Suggested that first step is to obtain the list of area businesses (100 of them) in order to get it updated and ready to use.

14. Recreation

15. *Land Use – See page 1 of these minutes

16. Implementation

17. Other Issues

- a. Commissioner Wilson gave update on new Town of Cable website.
 - As of today site still not live, but they are hoping for later this week.
 - Regarding Agendas and Meeting Minutes it is the goal to post all of the 2019 monthly documents and go forward into 2020 and beyond.
 - Commissioner Merrill will look into ordinances that need updating on behalf of the Town.
 - For access to online maps and other Bayfield County information it is recommended that a link be added to the County website.

- b. Revised Plan Commissioner contact list was reviewed. Additional edits were needed. Document will be updated and redistributed.

18. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Town of Cable Plan Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the Cable Community Center.

19. Adjournment

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeannie Dixon, Secretary.