

****TOWN OF CABLE PLAN COMMISSION****
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2021

1. Call to Order

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

2. Chairman Remarks

Tony Erba, newly appointed Chairman of the Plan Commission, shared that he joins the Commission with 28 years previous experience in land use planning for the US Forest Service. He is looking forward to serving with current members and learning from their knowledge and expertise. He also described some basic principles he has applied in the past for group meetings and hopes that the Plan Commission can operate by these same principles: Be on time for meetings, be concise when providing input and do the job we have been charged with.

Chairman Erba noted that there will be a new item on meeting agendas going forward, that of a "Town Board Update". He asked the two members present who also sit on the Town Board, Tony Merrill and David Popelka, to be prepared to provide, on a monthly basis, an update on Town Board actions that are relevant to the Plan Commission.

3. Town Board Update

As noted by Commissioners Merrill and Popelka the following items were discussed and/or acted upon at the May Town Board Meeting:

-The Robert and Corinne Rasmussen Trust conditional use permit request for the property located at 13380 Spruce St. was approved and forwarded to Bayfield County for final review.

-Campground fees have been raised from \$10 to \$20 per night. Expenses from the campground operation have exceeded income. One more trial year was approved until any further changes will be considered.

-Since the Town's stockpile of gravel is reserved for the Hwy M upgrade, there is concern that there will not be adequate amounts of gravel for other projects including the planned upgrade to the one mile stretch of Sunset Rd. Therefore the Town is getting their own crusher to alleviate the gravel shortage.

-The Board approved the sale of 10' of land to Mr. Higgins which will allow the deck on east side of his business to be located on his property rather than encroaching on the Town's easement.

-There were public comments and concerns at the Town's annual meeting about the effects on the Namekagon River watershed from potential Telemark Properties development.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Following review, a motion was made by Commissioner Lendved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried.

6. Public Input - Non-Agenda Items

There was no public input.

7. Cable Tomorrow/Comprehensive Plan Updates and Projects

Chairman Erba met with Town Board Chairman Malcolm Haag to update him on the status of the review of and revisions to the Comp Plan. As a result of the meeting he suggests that it would be a good idea to engage the public at this point regarding the revised strength and weaknesses language in addition to advising them that we are working to revise the plan in general. Discussion ensued as to the appropriate timing for public information sessions. By consensus members agreed that the Work Group will meet in June and July to continue their work and that public information sessions be scheduled in August or September, with a view toward scheduling the public hearing on amendments in the spring.

On a related matter, Commissioner Popelka stated that the Chequamegon Bay Housing Coalition, which is a county-wide group, will have the results of the recent housing survey available to the Town Board in July, along with information on short term rental activity. Popelka will forward links for Housing Coalition information to Dixon who will disburse to commission members. Information will include date of next Coalition meeting.

8. Member Comments

- Commissioner Thurn gave an update to Connect Communities activities which included: floral planters are done, the walking map is being printed, the grant proposal to help with the bike park has been submitted to Bayfield County, criteria has been established for anyone who wants to participate in the design of the proposed Welcome to Cable signs and criteria for same is posted on the Town website.

- Commissioner Wilson had a question as to whether a short-term rental permit transfers to a new owner when property changes hands. The answer is that a short term rental permit/license does not transfer when property is sold. The conditional use permit for the property may transfer with the property but that needs to be looked into and confirmed.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Town of Cable Plan Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cable Community Center.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Erba adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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Jeannie Dixon

Approved: July 6, 2021