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MINUTES PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

1. Call To Order: The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. Meeting called to order by Chairman Marv Anderson at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call: Marv Anderson, Gerald Hensen, Tom Christensen, Mary Platner, Tim Ebert, zoning administrator, Tom Martens, town clerk.

3. Approval of Minutes: Hearing no objections or corrections, Mr. Anderson stated that the minutes of the September 4, 2013 planning & zoning committee are approved as written.

4. Chairman Report:

A. Linehan Complaint: Mr. Anderson stated that the #2 woodshed is not on Mr. Linehan's neighbor's lot. It is on the next lot over. Vilas County does not have an issue with the second level over the garage. Even if there is plumbing, it is not considered a dwelling unless there is a bedroom. Vilas County is not going to pursue it, so the town is not going to either. In order to address the issue of the height of the garage, it will have to be measured.

B. Nuisance Issue: Mr. Anderson reported that John Eron had resigned as constable. Ms. Wirkus's concerns about the roosters should be resolved. Ms. Platner stated that some towns are hiring a constable on an as needed basis rather than electing a constable.

C. Bear Dogs in Colonna Estates: Mr. Anderson said that the town chairman was going to talk to the owner of the bear dogs in Colonna Estates. There is also a rumor that one of the neighbors puts food scraps out for the dogs just out of their reach.

D. Zoning Appointment: Mr. Anderson added that the town chairman might be appointing Jaime Rickart from Wakefield Lake Road East to the planning & zoning committee.

5. Final Draft of Setback/Dimensional Ordinance Changes: The consensus of the committee was that the setback from a town road should be changed to 42' from the surveyed lot line rather than 50' so that it would be consistent with the other measurements. Medium Density should be added to the list of residential districts. The garage square footage should be changed to 672 sq. ft. from 660 sq. ft. in order to give the garage standard dimensions. And, the maximum mean height should be changed to 25'. Since Mr. Ebert uses the Vilas County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for setbacks from lakes, section 1.15(1) should be removed and it should just read that the town uses the Vilas County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Motion Platner seconded Christensen that Section 1.15(1) of the St. Germain Zoning Ordinance be revised to read that as of January 4, 1986 the Town of St. Germain has adopted the Vilas County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and any subsequent amendments. Approved.

Motion Christensen seconded Hensen that the following changes be made to the draft: (1) Section 1.15(2) be changed from 50' to 42' from the surveyed lot line; (2) Section 1.15(4) medium-density residential be added to low-density residential and multi-family residential; (3) Sections 1.17(2) and Section 1.19 the building size be changed from 660 sq. ft. to 672 sq. ft. Approved.

6. Nuisance Ordinance Drafts: Postponed until next meeting. Ms. Platner asked that the committee members go through the nine page draft of the nuisance ordinance. Both Ms. Platner and Mr. Anderson thought that it would be almost impossible to enforce anything with noxious weeds.

7. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting: The next planning & zoning committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #5 of the community center.

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8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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