

TOWN OF WEST POINT  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Town of West Point Planning Commission met on Thursday, September 9, 1993 at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting was posted in four places.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the meeting of the Town of West Point Planning Commission was called to order by Fred Madison. The Planning Commission members present were: Fred Madison, A. Dave Cole, Doug Richmond, Alan Boehmer, John Sweeney and Joyce Sinkule. Sarah Boehmer-secretary was present as were Joe Costanza-Town Engineer and Jeff Clark-Town Attorney.

Reading of the last meeting's minutes were dispensed until September 23rd meeting.

Discussed Jim Meister request for rezoning from agricultural to commercial. Discussed logging and relationship to agricultural zoning. Logging, present business as is, falls under agricultural zoning. Mr. Meister was directed to Mike Stapelton, Columbia County for written documentation re: agricultural zoning and logging as an agricultural occupation. There was a motion made by Dough Richmond to request copies of all correspondence from Columbia County pertaining to logging being a suitable agricultural occupation be provided to the Planning Commission, 2nd by John Sweeney and passed without opposition.

Discussion showed existing operation consistent with agricultural zoning. Existing occupation described as: storage of logs for shipment, storage of equipment, shipping logs into and out of storage from this site.

Building permits discussed (4 received). Discussed Erosion control ordinance and relationship to building permits. The Planning Commission is under the understanding that Mike Stapelton is notifying applicants at the county level to contact the town to obtain a copy of the Erosion Control Ordinance. The four permits discussed were: John Fitzgerald, Steve Kessenich, Kathy Ballweg and Dick Ambrose. Contractors and/or owners will be notified and the Town Engineer, Joe Costanza and Joyce Sinkule, Doug Richmond of the Planning Commission will make site visits and report to the Planning Commission.

The Commission discussed procedure for monitoring compliance to Erosion Control Ordinance. The following steps will be followed:

1. The designated representative of the Planning Commission will notify the person who applied for the building permit. They will be notified of the Erosion Control Ordinance, where copies are available and the cost of a copy, and will set up an appointment for a side visit by the commission designated representatives. If the contact is a contractor they need to be present for the site visit or their designated representative.

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2. Any commission member noting that the Erosion Control Ordinance is not being complied with will notify the Planning Commission Secretary, who will notify the delegated members who made the initial site visit. They will make a visit and notify the town engineer when follow up with the contractor/building is needed.

The Scott Carlson variance request to the county for a variance from highway setbacks, side yards, and set backs from water was discussed. This has not been formally presented to the Planning Commission but is on the Columbia County Public Hearing agenda for September. The Blakesley variance request has also not been presented to the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Dough Richmond and 2nd by Alan Boehmer that Dave Cole attend the county hearing as a representative of the Planning Commission. He will request that these requests be deferred for an opportunity for them to be presented to the Planning Commission, who will make a recommendation to the Town Board for reaction prior to a county decision. If it is not deferred the commission will vote no to these variance requests, due to lack of opportunity for appropriate evaluation of the request.

The Planning Commission will obtain copies of the county platt's and tax lister's maps from the register of deeds.

Discussion of the Land Use Plan was deferred to the next meeting. The commission members will read the Lodi and Merrimac Land Use Plans and an outline draft will be begun.

There was discussion of map storage and need for creation of storage space in the Town Hall.

There was a motion to adjourn made by John Sweeney and 2nd by Alan Boehmer, motion passed without opposition and meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Sarah Boehmer - Secretary