

TOWN OF WEST POINT

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

JULY 13, 2000

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the meeting of the Town of West Point Planning Commission was convened at the Town Hall on July 13, 2000, at 8:06 PM. The meeting was posted in three places. The meeting was called to order by Fred Madison. Planning Commission members present were Gordon Carncross, Cliff Lawton, Fred Madison and Doug Richmond. Also present was Town Board Member, Alan Treinen.

Agenda Item 2: Approve Minutes: Doug Richmond made a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2000, seconded by Gordon Carncross. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item #3: Old Business: Doug Richmond gave a brief update from the July 6, 2000, Board Meeting.

Agenda Item #4: Correspondence: Fred Madison had old correspondence that will be added to the files.

Agenda Item #5: Bittner - Second Home on Farm Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bittner requested information on how they could put a second home on the family farm. They mentioned that Grant County grants variances to family farms for a second home if the farm has been existence over 100 years. The Planning Commission had not heard of anything along those lines for Columbia County. They presented three alternatives for adding a second home as follows: 1) the parents could build the second home and no variance would be needed; 2) they could parcel off 35 acres and build a second home; or 3) they could parcel off one acre and deed restrict the remaining acreage, while still having the right to cluster nine sites on approximately 35 acres. The Bittner's will check with their attorney and it was also suggested that they contact Mike Stapleton from Columbia County Zoning.

Agenda Item #6: David Mitchell - Variance for Garage (Pleasant View Park Rd.) Mr. Mitchell was not in attendance. Tabled until Mr. Mitchell requests to be on the agenda again.

Agenda Item #7: Utility District - Volunteer for Board Utility Committee Fred Madison would be interested in being on the Board Utility Committee. Alan will convey that information to the Town Board.

Agenda Item #8: Smart Growth Information No update from the County level. Town Chairman, Fritz Thistle, has requested that the Committee begin reviewing the Smart Growth information and our present Land Use Plan to determine what areas need review and updating. After discussion, it was decided that Dennis Blind from the County would be invited to attend a meeting and give the Committee direction on what we could do at this point or if we should wait for Columbia County to finish before proceeding.

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Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting Agenda (July 27, 2000): Smart Growth - have Dennis Blind attend a meeting; listing of Town Owned Lands for review.

Agenda Item #10: Adjourn Meeting. Motion to adjourn by Gordon Carncross, seconded by Cliff Lawton. Motion approved 4-0 at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Richmond
Deputy Clerk