

## Minutes of Hiles Planning Committee

November 10, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Hiles Town Hall

Mark Ferris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A sign in sheet was provided for all in attendance.

**In attendance :** Mark Ferris, Terry Kloehn, Kirk Mueller, Pat Coraggio, Dean Shramka, Marilyn Pfeiffer, Barb Strand, Dick Rausch, Jan Rausch

**Approval of minutes:** Motion made by Pat Coraggio to approve the minutes from October 20, 2015 meeting Seconded by Dick Rausch. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **Topics for discussion:**

- **Communication:** Discussing the committee with people of Hiles and try to get as much interest in what the committee is trying to do on the town and county level could be really positive start for this committee.
- **Mission Statement:** Discussion of **Mission Statement** which was submitted by Barry McLeane, It was discussed and a motion was made by Pat Coraggio that we follow up with this discussion at the December meeting after some word changes. Terry Kloehn Seconded it, all in favor, motion passed.

### **Announcements and Old Business**

- **Kiosk:** Mark announced that at the October meeting of the Forest County Tourism Committee Meeting and the Chamber that the town of Hiles will get the first Kiosk (Visitor information Center) and we as the town have been told we have the freedom to design & create a Kiosk that fits the Town of Hiles. Keep in mind that there will be brochures, recreation maps, Information center. Things that Hiles promotes, like fishery, trap shoot, church services etc. A discussion followed on where we would put it. Many different things and places were mentioned and will require a lot more discussion on this matter. The Committee is targeting a completion date of 5/15/2015. We would like to have volunteers participate in the kiosk

construction. It is agreed that the planning on the kiosk will be conducted by the committee as a whole. Mark Commented on the significance of Room Tax collections. Hiles is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading contributor of Room Tax in Forest country. Room Tax is shared by Town and Forest County Chamber/Tourism. Hiles is recognized as a major contributor and may have contributed to awarding of first kiosk to Hiles. It was also noted that Hiles planning Committee has attracted attention of County leaders.

- **Scenic Byway:** is a golden opportunity for our community and we need to be proud of it. It is currently in the 'Corridor Management Phase'. Scenic Byway is expected to be official in 2016. Mark noted that here is a 'County Signage' meeting at the Forest County Chamber office on Monday, November 30, 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested is encouraged and welcome to attend. Meeting will discuss standardized signage in county
- **Grants:** Discussion of the Tourism Commission Promotional Grants that may be available in June 2016 so we need to put this on the meeting agenda for February & March. They must be submitted by May.
- **Broadband review.** Nothing new at this time. Need to get this on the Agenda after the first of the year.
- **Pine Lake Dam rebuild and other related Topics:** Discussion on having Pam Labine, Forest County Zoning Administrator, speak at the February meeting. Also, questions on future of National Campground. Discussion to follow at December meeting.
- **Silent Sports:** Mark noted that we will need a point person on 'Silent Sports'.
- **Next Meeting** will be Tuesday December 8, 2015.
- **Meeting adjourned** at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Jan Rausch