

Minutes of Hiles Planning Committee

January 12, 2016

6:30 PM

Hiles Town Hall

Meeting called to order: By Mark Ferris 6:30 PM. A sign in sheet was provided for all in attendance.

In Attendance: Mark Ferris, Terry Kloehn, Margaret Tauer-McCarthy, Kirk Mueller, Dick Rausch, Jan Rausch

Approval of Agenda: Motion made to approve the agenda by Dick Rausch, a second by Terry Kloehn, All in favor, Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Terry Kloehn to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015 meeting, Second by Dick Rausch, All in favor, Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Pine Lake District Quarterly Meeting Saturday January 16, 2016 at 9:00 AM
- Town Board Meeting Wednesday January 13, 2016. As we have discussed in our December meeting Angi Schreiber, Executive Director of Grow North will be presenting and our committee recommend that we Partner with Grow North which could be very positive for our community.
- A thank you to Margaret Tauer-McCarthy for her articles in the Hiles News and who ever reads it we really get some positive feedback from it.
- At the December Town Board meeting Room Taxes were discussed and the changes in the 2016 state statues for the collections of these room taxes are to be ear marked for Visitors and Tourist Promotions.

Old Business and Updates

- **Kiosk:** Mark showed us a power point presentation on what a Kiosk would look like and the size 6' deep by 16' High. A discussion of what kind of wood and roofing material should be used to build it. It was recommended that it be treated wood and or cedar. It was recommended that the frames be made of cedar for warping reasons and the roof would be recommended to be metal. The exciting part is Mark has had a discussion with the Crandon School District Administrator and the Crandon High School Tech Education Class would build our Kiosk as a class project and have it completed by May 15, 2016 and the Tourism Commission will provide the cost of the materials. It will be built at the High School and they have equipment to put it on a trailer and the town will bring it and place it on the site. A motion was made by Terry Kloehn to use the Crandon School Tech Class to build this Kiosk and a second by Dick Rausch. All in Favor Motion passed.

- **Location of Kiosk:** The location for the Kiosk was recommended to be placed where the Welcome to Hiles Sign is now. We all agree that the visibility is good both ways for the sign. And a possible placement of a decorative fence on the Highway 32 side for safety reasons. Other options need to be discussed in future meetings after the approval of a site, like benches, picnic tables, parking, brochures, signs, lighting, maintenance etc. The D.O.T. has been contacted to see if this will comply with the D.O.T. rules and regulations. A motion was made by Terry Kloehn to place the Kiosk where the Hiles Welcome sign is waiting on the approval of the D.O.T., a second by Dick Rausch, all in favor, Motion passed.
- **Directional signs:** It was recommended by the committee to have six directional signs, locations to follow, subject to change. The deadline for submitting the applications to the D.O.T. signs need to be by February 1, 2016. A motion was made by Dick Rausch to have the signs as follows: **Hwy 32 East Pine Lake Rd. 1 facing north 1 facing south, Hwy 32 at West Pine Lake Rd. 1 facing north 1 facing south, Hwy 32 Main St. facing south, Hwy 32 north end of Main Street facing north.** A second by Margaret Tauer-McCarthy, All in favor, Motion passed. Informational signs that will go on the directional signs, such as Playground, Gas, lodging, Dam, Boat landing, Fire Dept., etc. will be decided at a future date.
- **Town of Hiles Comprehensive 10 year Plan:** Some information passed out and information where you can find out more about it. Possible discussion in a future meeting. This will be coming back on our agenda later this year .Web site <http://www.newrpc.org/forest/hiles.html>
- **Broadband:** More discussion in future meetings.
- **Forest County Tourism grant:** This will be put on the calendar for March Meeting. The grant Application is not due until April.
- **Silent Sports:** Start looking for things that relates to the Kiosk so that we can capture all the opportunities that we can for our visitors.
- **Scenic Byway:** Project remains on schedule and should be in place by late summer.
- **ATV Snow Mobile Trail:** Nothing new at this time.
- **Next Meeting:** Will be Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Hiles Town Hall
- **Motion to adjourn:** Motion made to adjourn meeting by Dick Rausch, a second by Terry Kloehn, All in Favor. Motion passed at 7:40 PM.