

Minutes of Hiles Planning Committee

February 9, 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, Barb Strand, Don Strand, Dick Rausch, Jan Rausch

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Dick Rausch to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2016 meeting, Second by Terry Kloehn, All in favor, Motion passed.

Announcements: Announcements will be covered in old business and updates.

Old Business and Updates

- **Kiosk:** The location for the Kiosk was recommended to be placed where the Welcome to Hiles Sign is now and Mr. Winat of the Rhinelander D.O.T. Dept. gave his approval to put the Kiosk on the triangle where the sign is and will now go to the Town Board for approval. As far as the building of the Kiosk it will be built by the Tech Education Class at Crandon High School it will be transported here and placed on the platform where the welcome to Hiles sign is now by May 15, 2016. It will be landscaped and groomed by the Hiles Town Crew. A discussion of what should be going in the display area of the Kiosk, Town of Hiles information, Maps, Businesses, brochures, Trail information and things of interest. Josh Jameson of Forest County Economic Development Partnership wants us to create a threefold Hiles brochure which would be a rack item and have this available in time for the Journal Sentinel Sport Show. They would help with the layout and they would also do the printing.
- **Directional signs:** They were approved by The Town Board at the January meeting and will be available before Memorial Day. Hiles will have the directional signs and this will be the beginning of the county wide program. The Town Crew will install them.
- **Grow North Partnership:** The application to partner with them was approved by the Town Board at the January Meeting.
- **Town of Hiles Comprehensive 10 year Plan:** This is a 10 year plan which every town must have; it is a plan of what the town should be doing as far as development etc. Possible discussion in a future meeting. Web site <http://www.newrpc.org/forest/hiles.html>
- **Scenic Byway:** Was approved by Town Board and everything is on schedule. Mark Ferris will talk to Josh Jameson about provisions that were brought up by one of the committee members.

- **Broadband:** A lot of money has been designated for Broadband in the next few years by the FCC to the communication companies and we should start to see improvements in our 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. It is important if we get a grant that it be used for County Tourism events and we must have accountability of where it is being used.
- **Facebook Page:** A discussion took place that possibly The Town of Hiles should look into a Facebook Page. A Motion was made by Terry Kloehn that Mark Ferris bring it up to the board. A second from Dick Rausch. All in Favor. Motion passed.
- **Forest County Land & Water Resources:** Literature was passed out regarding a couple of bills that were introduced into the House and Senate in Forest County. One is regarding changes to the regulations of Navigable Waters. Such as dredging 30 cubic feet in front of your home by getting a permit. A motion was made by Dick Rausch to have Pam Labine speak at the next meeting, but we need to have it on March 1 at 4:30 PM so that she can fit into her schedule. It was seconded by Don Strand. All in Favor. Motion passed. **Meeting Date Changed to March 8th 6:30PM, will reschedule Pam Labine at a later date**
- **Silent Sports:** Nothing new at this time. Keep looking for things that relates to the Kiosk, so that we can capture all the opportunities that we can for our visitors. Margaret Tauer-McCarthy is the point person for Silent Sports.
- **ATV/Snowmobile trailhead Snow:** Talked about where a good place for a Trailhead would be. Some suggestions were made and will be discussed in a future meeting.
- **Next Meeting:** Will be Tuesday, **March 8, 2016 at 4:30 PM** at the Hiles Town Hall
- **Motion to adjourn:** Motion made to adjourn meeting by Dick Rausch, a second by Jan Rausch, All in Favor. Motion passed at 7:30 PM.

Submitted by Jan Rausch, Secretary

Note from Mark Ferris

At our February meeting, we had discussed having Pam Labine appear at a special Hiles Planning Meeting on 3/1 at 4:30 p.m. After meeting with Pam, we determined that it would be best to reschedule to a later date. The Hiles Planning Committee will now meet on the regularly scheduled date of **Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.**