

Minutes of Hiles Planning Committee

April 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, Kirk Mueller, Marilyn Pfeiffer, Jan Rausch, Don Strand, Barb Strand

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Kirk Mueller to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2016 meeting, Second by Barb Strand, All in favor, Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Town Board Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday April 19, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Other announcements will be covered in old business and updates.

Old Business and Updates

- **Kiosk:** Update on Kiosk and placement of it. A sketch by Marilyn Pfeiffer was passed around. A discussion followed in regards to the old Hiles sign which would be taken down by the Town Crew and the Service Club would clean the planter out and plant a flowering tree. A discussion on things that could be done and what we might have in the area to make it as visitor friendly as possible. One of the discussions was in regard to placing a picnic table near the Kiosk. Target date for the Kiosk is May 15th. Mark Ferris has talked with the Crandon School Tech Dept. and the building of the Kiosk should be completed by next week. We hope to have something special when it is all completed and put in place to acknowledge the Town of Hiles and what part the students have had in all of this and how all of this came about.
- **Directional signs:** Everything is on schedule with the County directional signs. All signs have been submitted and are now waiting for the proofs. Everything has been approved by the state so a discussion followed of what has been submitted and where they would be placed.
- **Broadband:** A lot of money has been designated for upgrading broadband in the next five years. This will be starting in 2016 and completed in 2020. Hiles will be one of the towns on the list. As of now we still do not have a date to as when Hiles will be on the schedule. More updates at the next meeting.
- **Scenic Byway:** Everything is on schedule. R.T. Kruger is confirmed to be at May 10th meeting to speak on Byway status.

- **Forest County Tourism grant:** Waiting on the Town Board to see if they are going to apply for a grant. A discussion on how we need and how to get more volunteers at town events.
- **Facebook Page:** Nothing new to report, still working on this, looking for photos and things. A Facebook page would be used for providing information only on town events not as an official town page. Nothing could be posted without review and approval.
- **Forest County Land & Water Resources:** A discussion on dredging. Trying to get a meeting together with Forest Service, Terry Kloehn and Pam Labine to get more information on the rules and regulations.
- **ATV/Snowmobile Trailhead:** Grow North sent some information on things that would make a good Trailhead., A discussion followed on where a good place for a Trailhead would be and what we would like to see included. There is possibility a of Grant money available. More discussion at next meeting.
- **Silent Sports:** Nothing new today. We will discuss more in one of our next meetings. Looking into anything we can gather that relates to silent sports, we need to capture all the opportunities that we can for our visitors. Margaret Tauer-McCarthy is the point person for Silent Sports.
- **Hiles Comprehensive 10 year Plan:** This is a 10 year Town plan which every town must have; it is a plan of what the town should be doing as far as development etc. Discussion in a future meeting. Web site <http://www.newrpc.org/forest/hiles.html>
- **Next Meeting:** Will be Tuesday, **May 10, at 6:30 PM** at the Hiles Town Hall
- **Motion to adjourn:** Motion made to adjourn meeting by Marilyn Pfeiffer, a second by Barb Strand, All in Favor. Motion passed at 7:35 PM.

Submitted by Jan Rausch, Secretary