

Minutes of Hiles Planning Committee

May 10, 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, Pat Coraggio, Terry Kloehn, Margaret Tauer-McCarthy, Marilyn Pfeiffer, Dick Rausch, Jan Rausch

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Pat Coraggio to approve the minutes from the April 12,, 2016 meeting, Second by Dick Rausch, All in favor, Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Town Board Meeting will be held Wednesday May 11, 2016 at the Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

Old Business and Updates

- **Scenic Byway:** An update and discussion of what is happening with Scenic Byway was given by R.T. Krueger from the Forest County Economic Development Group, who is very much involved with this project. The Scenic Byway is a voluntary non-restricted DOT sponsored program and has to be at least 50 miles of numbered highway with noteworthy scenic attributes. The idea is to protect, enhance and prompt this stretch of highway. Including Forest County there will be only six in the state and will probably be the last. He explained how this all got started and all the different things that had to be done to make this happen. Mr. Krueger passed out a map and showed us that it is like a figure 8 and has 147 miles of beautiful roads and our strongest partners we have is the National Forest Service. Had a question and answer session and everything was extremely interesting and informative.
- **Broadband:** A public meeting will be hosted by Grow North Economic Development on May 13th at Antigo Lanes with representatives from all the Broadband providers .It is an informative meeting of the time lines for the Broadband project. The Town of Hiles which is the 649 exchange is at the top of the list and should be completed in 2016. The whole Broadband project in the North woods should be completed by the end of 2020.
- **Visitor Kiosk:** The Kiosk should be done in the next few days. Mark showed pictures of the Kiosk and what it looks like. Mark noted the sign on top was a proof that was put together and is subject to our review. Discussion followed on the sign and what information would go on or in the Kiosk. A motion was made by Dick Rausch, a second by Margaret Tauer-McCarthy that we take this to the Town Board for approval. All in favor. Motion passed. Hiles town crew will probably pick the Kiosk up the week of May 15th. Service Club will clean up the areas for the Kiosk and the welcome sign.

- **Ribbon Cutting for Kiosk:** Looking into times and dates to have a Ribbon Cutting to show our appreciation to the students and teachers from the school. Would like to get some media coverage on this special event. This will be proposed to the Town Board. **The Ribbon Cutting for the Kiosk will be Thursday May 26th at 1:30 PM.** This has been confirmed by the Town Board and the School District.
- **Welcome to Hiles sign:** Mark showed us drawing of a possible new sign to replace the welcome to Hiles sign that the town has now. Discussion followed on lettering, wording etc. After discussion & changes a motion was made by Dick Rausch and a second by Pat Coraggio to take this to the Town Board for approval. All in favor. Motion passed.
- **Directional signs:** Everything is on schedule with the County directional signs. Hope to have them done in June.
- **ATV/Snowmobile Trailhead:** Discussed possible places for an ATV Trailhead. Jamie Anderson from Midstates was in attendance and offered to do some background work related to ATV trail and Trail Head. A further discussion about looking into what grants may be available. Dick Rausch made a motion that we do more research and find out what possibilities are available to us. A second by Terry Kloehn. All in favor. Motion passed.
- **Forest County Land & Water Resources:** Trying to get a meeting together with Terry Kloehn and Pam Labine to get more information on the rules and regulations for removing muck. Further discussion next month.
- **Forest County Tourism grant:** Will discuss at future meeting.
- **Hiles Comprehensive 10 year Plan:** This was brought up at the Town Board April meeting and they have it on their agenda in the future.
Web site <http://www.newrpc.org/forest/hiles.html>
- **Next Meeting:** Will be Tuesday, **June 14, at 6:30 PM** at the Hiles Town Hall
- **Motion to adjourn:** Motion made to adjourn meeting by Dick Rausch, a second by Marilyn Pfeiffer. All in Favor. Motion passed at 8 PM.

Submitted by Jan Rausch, Secretary