

Hiles Planning Committee
March 21, 2017 minutes

Mark Ferris called meeting to order

Julie Ferris recorded minutes in Jan Rausch's absence.

Attendance: Mark Ferris, Julie Ferris, Marilyn Pfeiffer, Karl Tauer, Don Strand, Dick Rausch

Dick Rausch approved minutes of 2/7/17 meeting, second by Don Strand. One correction; final approval from D.O.T. is still pending for Scenic Byway. Mark noted approval is imminent.

Discussion on 'Planning Committee' vs. 'Planning Commission'. The original Planning Commission formed in 2009 for purpose of creating Hiles Comprehensive Plan requires that the original members remain as the Commission unless resigning, having moved, or unable to serve. In that case, replacements are appointed by the Town Board. The appointees to the Commission are Dick Rausch, Kirk Mueller, and Mark Ferris, in addition to existing members Marilyn Pfeiffer and Karl Tauer. Mark was elected Chairman of the Commission. Formal appointment and approval will be made by the Town Board at the April board meeting. Discussion on the Planning Committee followed. The Planning Committee has and remains a vital committee of the town in identifying issues that will lead to recommendations being made to the Town Board. It was agreed that the Planning Commission and Planning Committee meetings will be held jointly for convenience. Planning Committee members may participate in discussions of the Commission with appointed Commission members being the voting members for Commission matters such as Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion on approach in identifying Comprehensive Plan proposed changes. Further discussion on Pine Lake issue being specifically addressed in Plan. Marilyn suggested talking with other Towns in Forest County to include similar language in their Comp Plans in order to emphasize the significance of the lake issues; most important, sediment removal. This issue is common in several Forest County lakes. Mark will follow up with Pam Labine on County Comprehensive Plan and other Towns' plans. Marilyn volunteered to attend other Towns' Board meetings to share and discuss the lake issues and the importance of other towns' involvement. All agreed this is a good plan moving forward. Karl stated the importance of getting the 'resolution language' in its best form to assure the best result. Mark noted that in order for any success with DNR approval hinges on all units of government supporting the common cause. That includes Hiles Town Board, other towns, County, Pine Lake District, other area districts, etc.

Short discussion on speed limits in town. Directional signage project is still ongoing. Karl noted that the Town crew feels we need a sign company to do installation of the new LED sign. Mark will talk to K2Pro Signs.

Next meeting set for April 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. by Dick Rausch, second by Don Strand.

Submitted by Julie Ferris