

TOWN OF VERMONT PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
November 19, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. 4017 County Road JJ

Call to order and posting certification

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Doug Meier. The meeting was properly noticed: posted at the front door of Town Hall, posted on the town website, emailed to the online subscribers and published in the Mt. Horeb Mail and Star News.

Present: Dean Bossenbroek, Jim Elleson, Alex McKenzie, Scott Moe, Judy Robb, Doug Meier, Diane Anderson

Absent: Todd Culliton,

Approval of agenda

Dean moved and Jim seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of October 22 meeting minutes

Jim moved and Judy seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Jim expressed a concern about sharing the draft minutes with the board before approval. Doug will email WI Towns Assn to see if this is something that can be done. Jim's concern is that false information can be released to the public. He gave an example of supposed voter fraud that was reported in the draft minutes which proved to be untrue. Judy said it is also a chance for us to know what happened at the meeting. Jim said with 3 members on the town board we should be able to get the information without sharing draft minutes.

Committee Reports

Nothing new on Section 10. A discussion of whether updating the internet at \$25 per month is worthwhile. The plan commission agreed that this would be worthwhile. Doug will pass this on to the board. Jim said the plan commission has a budget and if it came down to it, we could cover the cost.

Notifications to Town residents

Doug said this came up at the board meeting when someone asked whether town residents should be notified of a CUP application. They would like to be notified if their neighbor is applying for a rezone or a CUP. Scott said it was mentioned in the past and the concern was, "How far out do you go?" Residents were concerned that they were not notified about Tyrol the first time around. It was suggested that the planning commission secretary send out notices to everyone with ¼ mile of the proposed CUP. Doug said to do anything more than the statutory notifications would open a big can of worms. Scott would like to know the cost of putting the agenda in the paper. Diane will check the cost of putting the complete agenda in the paper. Jim said this only came to our attention because of the Tyrol thing. He feels that if we know that it is going to be an issue, we should notify the residents. Doug said you are always going to offend someone. Judy said we should direct people to the website. Scott wants to know the cost. Jim said we stopped putting it in the paper because of the cost.

Jim moved that we report to the board that we feel that the current notifications are adequate. Dean seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Dog Park

Mary McMurray wants to fence off 2 acres of land along the roadside on County Highway JG. She would then rent it out by the hour for people to run their dogs without the chance to pick up disease. She would be putting in a parking area for the dog park. She would be limiting it to three dogs at a time. She would charge \$20 per hour. She is willing to put in security cameras to police the area. Diane will email Majid or Brian to see what their experience is with dog parks. My Dog and Me, located at 7450 Fankhauser Road in Madison, is the model Mary would use. Current zoning would classify this as a kennel. Six dogs or less may be a permitted use. Diane will question the zoning staff to find out which zoning qualifies for a dog kennel.

PDR criteria review

A review of PDR criteria was discussed. This came up as we were reviewing sections 28 and 33. Please refer to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Section 10.1 on density.

Dane Co. Comprehensive Zoning Revision, decision on process of review. Review of Sections 8,9,10 and 11

If the county adopts the town's land use plan, they must abide by it. The difference in zoning between the town and Dane county is that the town does not divide parcels by a road where the county does. We need to find out why Dane county feels it should be divided the way they did it. Jim says we need to know their logic so that we can make consistent decisions and suggestions to them, understanding why a piece of land divided by a road should be divided into two different zoning categories. Doug does not want to see two different zoning categories on contiguous property. Jim says we want appropriate zoning to match what the property is used for. Judy said we need to remember our commercial zoning discussions so that we do not take anything away from the landowner. Jim asked, "What did they lose?" Dean said that maybe we should just let the county decide how it is and if a landowner has a problem, they can come in and discuss at that time. Judy feels we should call the landowner/reach out in some manner if we think there will be a problem. Jim will follow up with the county. Scott says we need to be fair to people.

Agenda items for next meeting

Dog Park, Sections 9, 10, 11 comprehensive zoning revision

Next meeting date

Next meeting is December 17, 2018.

Adjournment

Scott moved and Dean seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.