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MADAWASKA PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

Superintendent's Meeting Room
May 23, 2016 at 6:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vincent Sirois; Chairman, Vincent Vanier, Thomas Schneck, Gary Dufour, Eric Morin

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard & Ann Cayer

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Andrew Dubé

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault

Article 1: Call the Meeting to Order

Chairman, Vincent Sirois called the Planning Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Article 2: Establish a Quorum of Members

A quorum was established with the following Planning Board members: Vincent Sirois, Thomas Schneck, Gary Dufour, and Eric Morin.

Article 3: Determine any Conflict of Interest or Bias

None of the Planning Board members have a conflict of interest or bias to the following Articles.

Article 4: Review and approve previous Planning Board Minutes

Thomas Schneck motioned to approve the April 25, 2016 minutes as shown. Gary Dufour seconds the motions. All Planning Board members are in favor and the motion carries.

OUT OF ORDER:

Code Enforcement made the Planning Board aware Article 7 would not be discussed, due to the proposed plan being rejected by DEP.

Article 7: To consider proposal for greatest practical extent project by Mr. Jeff Cyr

Article 5: Review Code Enforcement inspection checklists.

Planning Board members would like more time to review checklists to see if items could be removed. They would also like to have simplified wording, and a less complex checklist. It was suggested by Planning board member's that Code Enforcement have a couple opinions from the community contractors, non-contractors, and building supply store, about if they understood the checklists:



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Gary Dufour motioned to table this article until they receive further feedback. Eric Morin Seconds the motion. All Planning Board members are in favor, and motion carries.

Article 6: Continue to discuss possible changes and or updates to the Land Use & Development Code manual. Continue from Chapter 1 Section 11 (page 27).
Planning Board had a discussion about signage regulations. Eric Morin opposed regulations for signs, believing that those businesses who invest in expensive signs should be able to use them as they please. Code enforcement reminded the board that anything on US Route 1 is regulated by DoT and those rules must be adhered to. Code enforcement continued by mentioning that LED signs did not exist in 1977 when the land use ordinance was established, and some provisions should be entertained to limit brightness, distractions, etc. that modern signs may produce to drivers.

Gary Dufour mentioned that he felt the parking dimensions for parking lot spaces may have changed to smaller dimensions. This is due to the fact that modern more fuel efficient vehicles are often smaller than older ones and models. Gary asked code enforcement to research the regulations for parking space dimensions.

Eric motions to get more information of sign regulations for next meeting. Vanier seconds. All in favor.

Article 8: Other Business
Rebecca Trendwell approached the Code Enforcement Officer for utility pole on her property. The board approved signing the application for utility pole.

Eric Morin expresses some concern with scheduling and public awareness. Morin asks the board to be more diligent in advertising announcements.

The next meeting will be held on June 28, 2016 at 6:00pm.

Article 9: Adjournment
Gary Dufour motions to adjourn at 8:00 pm; Eric Morin seconds the motion. All Planning Board members are in favor and the motion carries.