

MINUTES

10/21/04

Regular Planning Commission Meeting

Town Hall – Swiss Miss Center 1101 Hwy 69 New Glarus @ 7:00 pm

- ATTENDING: Board Members: Mark Renner, Robert Elkins, Keith Seward, John Ott, and John Freitag
- ALSO ATTENDING: Tawni Stenberg, Sherry Wilde, Carl Marquart, Jeff Johnson, Linda Kempfer-Disch, Richard Rufer, Jeff Starz, Eldon Grossen, Daqrrel Weber, Dean Streiff, Carol Hustad, Jeff Hustad, Darrel Hustad, Tom Brantmeier, Randy Acker, Todd Schluesche, Jeff Mielke, and Chris Narveson,
- CALL TO ORDER: R. Elkins/7:02 pm – Swiss Miss Center
- PROOF OF POSTING: Proper proof of notice was duly noted.
- Discussion/Motion: Chairman R. Elkins introduced the speaker, Dr. Ken Bradbury of Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, University of Wisconsin-Extension, in Madison, WI. Dr. Bradbury gave a slide presentation on groundwater, land use, and private waste systems. Other topics included new technology waste systems, farming affects on groundwater, emerging contaminants in groundwater (over-the-counter drugs, home health care products, estrogen, etc.), soil types, developments and geologic impacts on groundwater. Dr. Bradbury also gave suggestions for consideration when planning land use for the Town of New Glarus, such as improperly abandoned wells and quarries, old mine workings, and soil types. Dr. Bradbury also answered questions from the public.
- Discussion/Motion: Discussion was held regarding the posting of the notice, the agenda, and approved minutes in the Post Messenger newspaper. It was noted by R. Elkins that the minutes would be nearly two months old before they could be published due to the approval process.
- Discussion/Motion: D. Hustad proposed a land division of one split of 2.25 acres with no new buildings. M. Renner moved for approval of the split. J. Ott second. Motion unanimously carried.
- Discussion/Motion: S. Wilde and J. Johnson presented an updated plat of the Neuchatel development. Discussion regarding the concerns in the Vierbicher letters of 8/03/04 and 10/19/04 was held. M. Renner noted that the preliminary plat has already been approved and that the Town Board has asked the Planning Commission to determine if the changes presented in this plat are significant enough to reconsider the previous approval. Concerned Citizens of Duerst Road raised objections that the proposed plat revisions still do not meet the Vierbicher engineering concerns noted in the July 8, 2004 letter. K. Seward moved to resend this plat back to the Town Board to study the feasibility of future service to this subdivision by the Village of New Glarus, given the topography and street configuration, as noted in the Vierbicher letter of 10/19/04. R. Elkins seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion/Motion: The minutes of the September 23, 2004 meeting were reviewed. J. Ott moved for approval. M. Renner seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- Discussion/Motion: The Land Use Subdivision process for revisions and the Smart Growth process were discussed. There were items from the last meeting that were carried over to this meeting. Without objection, the board decided to focus next month's meeting toward these agenda items.
- Discussion/Motion: It was noted that the Extra Territorial will be starting up before the end of this year. R. Elkins and K. Seward are part of that committee. Other possible members were discussed.

Discussion/Motion: Agenda items for the next meeting were discussed.

Discussion/Motion: The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held November 18, 2004.

Adjourn 10.05 p.m. J. Freitag moved, M. Renner second.

Tawni Stenberg
Deputy Clerk

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