

TOWN OF SOMERSET PLAN COMMISSION

January 16, 2008 Minutes 7:00- 9:20 pm

Present: Larry Rauch, Chairman; Sherrill Schottler, Secretary; Paul Boerger, Peter Johnson, Lenny Germain, Craig Letourneau, Miles Wittig

Absent: Doug Plourde

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Johnson moved, Wittig seconded motion to approve agenda. Motion approved.

Minutes of December 19, 2007 minutes were reviewed. Letourneau moved, Boerger seconded motion to approve minutes. Motion approved.

There were no concerned township residents present.

Report from Town Board meeting was given by Rauch. Focus of that meeting centered around St. Croix National's future and Somerset Town park plan and town impact fees. Additional topics were discussed; see published minutes. 2007 annual building report was given. See attached report.

Paul Boerger gave the report from the Parks and Rec Committee. At a recent special meeting Rick Remington from WWLT gave a presentation to the committee. No special recommendations were given at that time. An additional meeting was held

Jan 14 to get public input but at this time it appears that unless the owner of St Croix National will offer the property for a significantly lower amount the Town purchasing the property seems to be a dead issue. So at this time the Park committee will return to work on the comprehensive plan for future park development and will not be continuing pursuing purchase of St. Croix National.

Subdivision ordinance: Rauch gave each member the completed ordinance as well as St Croix county code of ordinances, January 2006. Town board also has a copy. A special meeting with PC and Town Board will be held in February. A suggested meeting might be Tuesday February 12. (SSS will call J Koester to get this date on the calendar)

New Business

County sent letter of review for the Pine Lake Benson development.

CSM plat review fees from county was presented, see memo with December minutes.

8:00 pm **Land Division, Rezoning and Special Requests.**

Sale and Purchase of 1000+ ft broadcast tower on 165th Ave Somerset from Audio House, a subsidiary of CBS. Captain Steve Pott, Washington county sheriff dept reviewed the reasons why the purchase of this tower is necessary. This will make it possible for the two counties, St Croix, Wisconsin and Washington , Minnesota, to communicate interagency when necessary. In the final analysis Town residents will see or experience nothing different from what is there now. It is anticipated that this will be functioning by the end of 2008.

8:20 pm Return to Plan Session

New Business

Dan Baillargeon after the fact special exception permit for business equipment storage in an ag res district. Baillargeon purchased property and then started to use it as a contractors storage area for his business, Frontier Pipeline LLC. horizontal drilling -and after the fact applied for a permit from the county. Application was received Nov 5, 2007 at County with hearing date for Jan 3, 2008 at the County but none of this was seen by the Town first. (43 and 47 acres of Property was sold by Dennis Neumann, March 2007) Town of Somerset objected by requesting this approval be postponed until it could be reviewed by the Town. County however went ahead and approved it. See letter from County on file with minutes.

It was the consensus of the Plan Commission that something should be brought to the County s attention regarding the improper procedures here. This will be brought to the attention of the Town Board also.

There being no further business, Ruach moved, Schottler seconded motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sherrill Schottler Secretary