

**TOWN OF SOMERSET PLAN COMMISSION
& Joint Meeting with Somerset Town Board**

January 21 2009

Minutes

7:00-9:45 pm

Present: Larry Rauch, Chairman, Sherrill Schottler, Secretary, Paul Boerger, Lenny Germain, Craig Letourneau, Doug Plourde, Miles Wittig
Town Board Ed Plourde, Shane Demulling, Denise Gunderson as well as Doug Plourde and Lenny Germain from Plan Commission

Absent: Peter Johnson

Meeting Called to order 7:05 pm

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

Minutes of December 17 2008 meeting were reviewed. Wittig moved, Letourneau seconded motion to approve minutes. Motion approved.

There were no concerned township residents present.

Old Business

Report from Town Board meeting was given by Rauch. Discussion of continuation of extending of road in Gavin's acres was discussed.

Denise Gunderson gave a brief report from the Parks and Rec Committee

Land Division worksheet will be discussed after working with Town Board

Ordinance Codification: Plourde reported that all companies that are currently being considered do work in Wisconsin but are not located in Wisconsin; these companies allow the Town to own the data base but the ordinances are located on the company's servers. A specific company has not yet been chosen but when the total ordinances to be reviewed has been determined, Plourde will send a comparison/cost analysis for review to Town Board.

Comprehensive Plan 10 year review will be seriously looked at in near future. Plourde will contact Jay Tappen to confirm that he will be able to give advice on the review of the Comprehensive Plan.

Other:

Larry Rauch announced that he is running for Town Board and would appreciate voting support on April 7, 2009.

New Business

Joint meeting with Town Board to review Land Division Ordinance

Ellen Denzer, County zoning, has reviewed this document and has given the document to the County Technical Department but no feedback has yet been given from the County.

One special note from County is that the Somerset Ordinance wording make sure that it stays within the wording parameters of the County Ordinance, open space/conservation design. The proposed wording that is now being discussed in the current draft would allow for an opportunity to “think outside the box” when developing a parcel as small as 40 acres.

Pages 1-15 in draft of Aug 19 2008 has been discussed at a previous meeting. Tonight’s discussion started with p. 17 Road construction standards. Standards given here are in accordance with County standards and are given as general guidelines. Specific changes can be made as needed in future.

Continuing the review shows that what is proposed in the Town of Somerset Subdivision Ordinance draft is in compliance with wording in County Ordinance and will allow for county enforcement.

One specific area of discussion concerned p. 28 G.3 Lot Access Standards and how to make Somerset ordinance wording fit specific needs for Somerset geography. Rauch will discuss this particular issue with Ellen Denzer at County.

Conservation design and standards was thoroughly reviewed and discussed.

p. 42 discussion ensued about fees; it needs to be established that Somerset Town Board establishes fee amounts.

Conclusion of review: Rauch will need to get additional County input, there will need to be public review and input (the draft could be put on the web site for review) and then the Town Board will need to vote on approval.

There were no Land divisions, rezonings or special requests.

There being no further business Plourde moved, Letourneau seconded motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted
Sherrill Schottler, Secretary