

**ONEIDA COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MARCH 19, 2014
COMMITTEE ROOM #2**

Members present: Scott Holewinski, Bob Mott, Dave Hintz

Department staff present: Karl Jennrich, Pete Wegner, Julie Petraitis

Guests present: See sign-in sheet

Call to order.

Chairman Scott Holewinski called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M., in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. Jack Sorensen is excused and Mike Timmons is absent.

Discussion/decision of the agenda.

Motion by Dave Hintz, second by Bob Mott to approve the agenda. With all members present voting "aye", the motion carried.

Discussion/decision of the meeting minutes.

Motion by Bob Mott, second by Dave Hintz to approve the February 19, 2014 meeting minutes as submitted. With all members present voting "aye", the motion carried.

Tough Books.

ITS Director, Lynn Grube was present to present the Committee with Mobile Technology that can be used by the inspectors from the inspection sites. Discussion was held on the different devices that can be used and how they work.

The Committee instructed Staff experiment with the devices available to see how they like them.

Chapter 22, Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance and Financial Assurances.

Mr. Jennrich informed the Committee that Freeman Bennett, Solid Waste Director, submitted numbers for the cost per acre to reclaim pits. Carolyn Lurvey of Pitlik and Wick was present to give her opinion of the proposed fee schedule. Ms. Lurvey informed the Committee that two other Counties have flat fees per acre. Mr. Jennrich stated that the annual pit fees and annual review fees will not change.

Motion by Dave Hintz, second by Scott Holewinski to keep the current fee schedule for existing pits and new pits will be charged by the actual reclamation of the pit and the language in Chapter 22 will be updated to reflect that. With all members present voting "aye" the motion carried.

Section 9.78, Sign Regulations. The Committee will be discussing the results of the survey sent to the Towns regarding Off-premise Signs.

Matt Seegert, Northwoods Association of Realtors, Inc., was present to discuss this with the Committee.

Mr. Jennrich stated that there are two issues involved in this item. The first is small off-premise signs and the second is white arrow directional signs.

Mr. Jennrich stated that a letter was sent to each Town soliciting input regarding the proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance allowing one off-premise sign per parcel. There were two charts provided to the Committee showing the Town responses and comments which are: 5 for, 8 against and 6 did not respond.

The Town of Hazelhurst has their own sign ordinance. Towns can be more restrictive than the County with their Sign Ordinances.

The Committee needs to decide if they want to allow one small off-premise sign as an exemption to the Sign Ordinance. Mr. Holewinski believes if it goes to public hearing the size should be increased to better see the signs.

The proposed changes for off-premise signs started out due to complaints about real estate signs in the road right-of-ways. There are other off-premise signs that have been located in the right-of-ways as well. The Ordinance will have to include all off-premise signs.

Discussion was held on whether there should be an electronic survey for this item that would be simultaneous with the Notice of Public Hearing for the Sign Ordinance.

Discussion was held on allowing multiple signs, on a common standard, for arrow signs.

Motion by Scott Holewinski second by Bob Mott to direct Staff to draft language for larger off-premise signs and arrow signs on a common standard. With all members present voting "aye" the motion carried.

Mr. Jennrich stated that Freeman Bennett, Hwy Commissioner, has had complaints about directional arrows. The complaint was in regards to signs erected where there is no business or cabin any longer or the signs are in disrepair and/or faded. Freeman does have the ability to erect and remove the signs for individuals. Directional arrows are under the jurisdiction of the local municipalities.

The Department of Transportation issues the blue signs, with strict criteria being met, that are being used now.

Mr. Jennrich feels this issue should be discussed at a Hwy Committee meeting. The Committee instructed Jennrich to contact Freeman to get this issue on one of their agendas.

Discuss/ review draft survey questions related to proposed changes to Section 9.94 and Section 9.98.

Section 9.94.

Pete Wegner provided the Committee with a draft of the proposed survey for the website. Mr. Wegner stated that he will begin the survey by providing the current ordinance language. He researched other County ordinances regarding boathouses to gather information for the survey questions. The survey questions are:

1. Do you own property in Oneida County?
2. Are you a full time resident of Oneida County?

Mr. Holewinski interrupted Wegner by saying he does not want the survey to be anonymous.

Mr. Hintz suggested eliminating the "full time" portion of questions #2. Discussion was held. It was decided to keep #1 as is and ask for their address. Number two will be eliminated.

3. Should Oneida County Continue to allow the placement of boathouses with 35' of the Ordinary High water mark (OHWM)?

The Committee changed this to: Should Oneida County continue to allow the placement of boathouses?

4. If boathouses were to be permit, which of the following would you support? (Check all that you agree with).
 - a. limiting the width, length and height
 - b. limiting the maximum square footage to 300 sq. ft.
 - c. requiring the color of boathouses to be earth tone or made to blend in with the natural environment
 - d. allowing flat roofs
 - e. requiring pitched roofs
 - f. allowing railings on flat roof boat houses
 - g. requiring a 10 ft setback to lot lines
 - h. requiring a setback to the OHWM of 35 ft.
 - i. allowing a boathouses to be placed at the waters edge
 - j. limiting construction on slopes greater than 20 percent
 - k. prohibiting plumbing or heating
 - l. prohibiting furniture
 - m. prohibiting patio doors
 - n. requiring a recorded affidavit stating that the structure "shall contain no living facilities"
 - o. allowing boathouses only on lakes greater than 100 acres
 - p. Other _____

Mr. Hintz asked how the Survey will be introduced to the public. Tim Brown, UW Extension Community Resource Development Agent, will put it on the internet. There are

also some Lake Associations that will link it to their web site. It may also go out in paper format.

Mr. Holewinski asked if the County allows plumbing in a boathouse. Our Ordinance does not allow it but the State may allow it.

Mr. Holewinski asked about prohibiting furniture. He asked what kind of furniture. He asked if it pertains to living areas. Mr. Wegner said that people are using their boathouses for things other than the storage of boats and boating items.

Mr. Mott feels letter I should be removed as does Mr. Holewinski.

The Committee feels the survey should be simple.

Letters e, f and I will be eliminated. Letters h and I will be reversed.

5. Would you like to receive e-mail notifications on future discussions on this issue? (Enter e-mail address)

The Committee decided to have 4 primary questions which include:

1. Should Oneida County allow boathouses?
2. Should boathouses be allowed at the waters edge or should there be a setback?
3. Should boathouses have flat roofs?
4. Should boathouses only be allowed on lakes greater than 100 acres?

There will be a set of secondary questions that are optional.

Section 9.98 Piers and other berth structures.

The introduction for this section will show the rules for Oneida County and the DNR. The Committee would like to let the public know that Oneida County is not required to regulate piers added to the introduction.

The survey questions will include the following:

1. Should Oneida County continue to regulate piers per Section 9.98?
Yes / No / I don't feel that I know enough about the issue to have an informed opinion.
2. Should Oneida County continue to regulate the placement of piers under the current language found in section 9.98?
3. Should Oneida County adopt language similar to current DNR regulations?
4. Should Oneida County eliminate all of Section 9.98 Piers and Other berth Structures and let the DNR regulate the placement of piers per their guidelines?
5. Would you like to receive e-mail notification on future discussions on this issue?

Discussion was held on how many piers and berths are allowed on a parcel. A diagram showing pier / berthing structure configurations will be provided with the survey.

Pete will change his diagrams to reflect a 100' lot.

Mr. Hintz thought there should be two opinions included in the survey. The Committee felt this was a good idea. The survey will have the introduction, Oneida County vs. DNR rules and the two following questions.

1. Why Oneida County should not regulate piers and other berth structures?
2. Why Oneida County should regulate piers and other berth structures?

Mr. Jennrich read a letter from Supervisor Fried into the record.

Bob Mott will work on language on why the County should regulate piers and other berth structures. Mr. Jennrich will talk with Supervisor Fried to review his letter and ask that he submit it for the reason why Oneida County should not regulate piers and other berth structures. The language will be provided to the Committee for review and the next Committee meeting.

Discuss Section 9.56, Chickens, in Single Family Residential. Staff will be discussing allowing chickens/ducks in District #10, General Use.

Mr. Jennrich explained that there is a request for a potential land owner to have a limited amount of chickens and ducks on a parcel of land smaller than 5 acres. This is an oversight in the ordinance.

Motion by Dave Hintz second by Bob Mott to modify Section 9.56 to include Districts #4, Residential and Farming; District #10, General Use; District #14, Residential Retail and District #15, Rural Residential. With all members present voting "aye" the motion carried.

Section 9.20 Zoning Districts. The Committee will be reviewing comments from the Town's.

This item was tabled.

Discuss Secretary II vacancy.

Mr. Jennrich informed the Committee that the Secretary III vacancy was filled from within the Department and now the Secretary II position is vacant. Mr. Jennrich would like to request Labor Relations to waive the vacancy review period and fill the position as soon as possible.

Motion by Bob Mott second by second by Dave Hintz to fill the Secretary II position forwarding a request to LRES to waive the vacancy review period. With all members present voting "aye" the motion carried.

Zoning Director's and Assistant Director's attendance at the Wisconsin County Code Administrators (WCCA) spring conference at the Stony Creek Inn, Wausau, WI on April 5-6, 2014.

Motion by Dave Hintz second by Bob Mott to approve the attendance of the Director and Assistant Director at the WCCA spring conference with one staying overnight. With all members present voting "aye" the motion carried.

Line item transfers, purchase orders and bills.

Motion by Scott Holewinski second by Dave Hintz to approve the line item transfers, purchase orders and bills as presented. With all members present voting “aye” the motion carried.

Refunds.

None

Public comments.

Bob Williams feels that lawn chairs should be allowed in boathouses. He feels that there should be check boxes for yes and no on the surveys. He also informed the Committee that the Lake Tomahawk Lake Association will put a link for our survey on their website.

Future meeting dates.

April 2 and April 16, 2014.

Future agenda items.

Survey, Section 9.20.

Adjourn.

4:10 There being no further matters to lawfully come before the Committee, a motion was made by Dave Hintz, second by Bob Mott to adjourn the meeting. With all members present voting “aye”, the motion carried.

Chairman Scott Holewinski

Karl Jennrich
Planning & Zoning Director