**Regular Plan Commission Meeting Minutes**
**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

The in-person meeting was posted on February 2, 2023 at the Bayfield Town Hall bulletin board and the town website. Plan Commission members present were: Dennis Clark, Carol Fahrenkrog, Robert Feyen, Chuck Finn, Jim Steffenson and Plan Commission Secretary Amy Sherrard. Fred Erickson was absent and Robert Meiretto was excused. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Finn.

**Public Comment:** None
**Communications and Correspondence:** Public Hearing regarding paid parking in the city of Bayfield February 13, 2023 at 5:30pm

**Discussion and possible approval of minutes of Regular Plan Commission Meeting of January 7, 2023.** A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Steffenson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**
Discussion possible recommendation to Bayfield Town Board regarding a Class A Special Use application from Russell and Janet Schmitt, 87235 State Hwy 13. Seeking permission to construct a place of residence on an agricultural zoned property. Property is zoned: (AG-1) Agricultural-1; 30.0 acre parcel. Tax ID #4326. A motion was made by Feyen, seconded by Fahrenkrog to approve the application. Motion carried.

Leo Carlson from Norvado presented an update to the Plan Commission regarding connectivity within the Town. Norvado has fiber running up State Hwy 13 and connects to tribal fiber. PFC will be funding BEAD Grants which will be distributed to broadband providers so that all residence in the state of WI will have access to 25M of internet. State of WI anticipates 1 billion dollars in BEAD grants. Discussion regarding trunk lines that run down Highway 13 and how it is not cost effective to run residential lines off of trunk lines. Discussion regarding StarLink, incumbent providers, speed, fiber vs. copper and the struggles of wireless going over water and through pine trees.

Mapping tool from Bayfield county to assist with capturing the land use throughout the county. The county has requested the the Town review the current land use and advise them if the parcel is zoned the way the town would like. If not, the town needs to request a change. Finn will request from the county for more decisive definitions of the zoning categories. The Land Use committee will work on this project and submit recommendations to the county by March 31, 2023.

**UPDATES FROM PLAN COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEES:**

**Land Use:** Nothing to report.
**Economic Development:** No updates on housing. Discussion with Forestry Department regarding snowmobile trails in the Town of Bayfield. The state is sending a film crew to highlight a segment on Bayfield in winter.
**Infrastructure**: A motion was made by Feyen, seconded by Steffenson to request that the Town of Bayfield create a plan for snow removal from the solar panels to increase the effectiveness of the panels. Motion approved.

**Next Meeting:** March 7, 2023 at 5:30 PM - Cancelled due to lack of agenda items
April 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM
**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Feyen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Amy Sherrard, Plan Commission Secretary