

Regular Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

The in-person meeting was posted on November 30th, 2023 at the Bayfield Town Hall bulletin board and the town website. Plan Commission members present were Annalisa Bermel, Dennis Clark, Carol Fahrenkrog, Robert Feyen, Charles Finn, Robert Meierotto, Jim Steffenson, and Town Clerk Kelly Faye. Plan Commission Secretary Amy Sherrard attended on Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Finn at 5:40 PM.

Public Comment: None

Communications and Correspondence: None

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

Update from Bayfield Area Trails: See New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of recent approval of updated Bayfield County Comprehensive Plan and possible need for amendment of Town of Bayfield Comprehensive Plan to align with it: It was decided that a meeting to discuss this issue will be held prior to a future Plan Commission Meeting. Bayfield County will be working on re-zoning in 2024.

Update on campground cabins in the Town of Bayfield and how they relate to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance: Discussion took place regarding campground cabins. The issue is on hold as the town is awaiting legal advice. Input may not be given until Bayfield County adopts its Short Term Rental Ordinance. Finn and Fahrenkrog intend to make a phone call regarding this issue. They will report back at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible recommendation to Bayfield Town Board related to proposed Town of Bayfield Brownstone Trail Easement for connection to Salmo Trail: Discussion took place regarding the capacity of the town to maintain the amount of trails being considered. Kate Kitchell was not available to discuss the proposed easement so the item was tabled.

Discussion and possible recommendation to Bayfield Town Board related to proposed Blue Vista Farm barn construction as related to conservation easement compliance: A motion was made by Fahrenkrog, seconded by Clark, to recommend to the Town Board approval of the barn. Motion carried.

Discussion of proposed cell phone tower near the intersection of Turner Road and Highway

13: Steffenson attended an informational meeting regarding the proposed tower. The tower location is in the Town of Russell but the location will impact the residents of the Town of Bayfield. It was decided that Finn would draft a letter to Bayfield County Zoning and present it to the Bayfield Town Board suggesting that Bayfield County Zoning ensure other locations have been examined and the use of existing infrastructure has been exhausted before installing new towers. A motion was made by Finn, seconded by Feyen, that the letter be drafted. Motion carried.

Monthly update on status of objectives in Comprehensive Plan Section- Infrastructure, Community Services and Facilities: This issue was tabled.

Updates from Plan Commission members: In a follow up to the November public comment from Mark Tregilgas in regards to noise from barking dogs, the Bayfield County Dog Ordinance will be reviewed prior to the next meeting.

Set Date and Time for Next Regular Plan Commission Meeting: January 2, 2024 at 5:30pm

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Amy Sherrard- Plan Commission Secretary