

OFFICE OF  
*Town of New Glarus*  
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017  
MINUTES

ATTENDING: Chris Narveson, Robert Elkins, Craig Galhouse, John Ott, John Freitag, and  
Maegan Roesslein – Deputy Clerk/Plan Administrator

ABSENT: Dean Streiff and Reginald Reis

ALSO ATTENDING: Katherine Westaby, Timothy Schleeper, John Kennelley, Beth Karr, Harry Pulliam,  
Grace McLaughlin, and Susan Crum (7:18 p.m.)

- 1) **Call to Order:** C. Narveson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- 2) **Proof of Posting:** M. Roesslein attested to proper posting.
- 3) **Approve Minutes:**
  - a) **04/20/2017 Plan Commission Meeting:** R. Elkins moved to approve the April 20, 2017 Plan Commission Minutes as presented. J. Ott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

4) **Public Comments:**

R. Elkins stated he attended the Wisconsin Towns Association Meeting in Monroe, Wisconsin.

R. Elkins mentioned a Monroe resident that is involved in broadband promotion was in attendance at the meeting, and they noted there are no funds in the state budget. Harry Pulliam stated the governor did request an increase in the amount of money that is in the books and there is another bill that may add additional funds. R. Elkins noted there was \$750 in the contribution portion, which was from the Town of New Glarus.

R. Elkins stated the Green County Sheriff's Department would like speed limits posted near the beginning of roads, and would also like speed limits on Pioneer Road posted near Blue Vista and Klassy roads. Beth Karr mentioned speed on Pioneer Road is a huge safety concern. Beth Karr and her husband John Kennelley agreed it has gotten worse since the reconstruction of Pioneer Road. C. Narveson noted Pioneer Road will be on the next New Glarus Town Board agenda.

Timothy Schleeper distributed a new possible land division checklist. The Plan Commission decided to review the document at the next meeting.

5) **Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan Review:**

C. Narveson stated the parks commission has been working with Vierbicher to update their Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan. Katherine Westaby gave a brief description of what has been happening. C. Narveson asked Katherine Westaby what the response rate for the survey was. Katherine Westaby stated it was a typical response rate. C. Narveson asked how much of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan we changed from the last Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan. Katherine Westaby noted most of the updating was of accomplishments and the population.

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C. Galhouse mentioned we need to see how this affects the Town of New Glarus Comprehensive Plan. Katherine Westaby noted this is just an idea, and to apply for grants documentation such as the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan is needed. J. Freitag mentioned there should be guidelines for where parks and recreational fields go, and these should be coordinated with the Village of New Glarus and the New Glarus School District as well. J. Ott stated he does not like the word “acquired” in the plan and would like to see the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan with different wording in regards to trails. C. Narveson asked to remove the river walk from the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan. C. Narveson stated the Plan Commission members can attend the Parks Commission meeting to voice their opinions.

- 6) **Comprehensive Plan Discussion:** C. Narveson stated he asked Vierbicher for a quote on having them update the Comprehensive Plan. Katherine handed out a letter which stated what the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan would be. J. Freitag mentioned it would be nice to have someone to lead the discussion in order to move the process along. Katherine Westaby stated she would suggest having two meetings a month for the next upcoming months to get this completed.
  - a) J. Freitag made a motion to present Vierbicher’s quote to the New Glarus Town Board. R. Elkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
  
- 7) **CAFO and Other Industrial Development Discussion:** C. Narveson proposed to dissolve the CAFO Committee and to have the Plan Commission take on the CAFO and Other Industrial Development Ordinance creation process. Susan Crum asked if this could be brought into the Comprehensive Plan as well as broadband. Katherine Westaby stated it could.
  - a) J. Freitag made a motion to recommend the New Glarus Town Board dissolve the CAFO Committee. R. Elkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
  - b) J. Ott made a recommendation to the New Glarus Town Board to have Attorney Mark Hazelbaker prepare documents. C. Galhouse. Motion carried.
  
- 8) **Potential Fence Permit Discussion:** M. Roesslein gave a brief over view of what Ron Roesslein would like to do and the reasoning behind it. Agenda item will be moved to next meeting for further discussion.
  
- 9) **Schedule Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items:**
  - a) Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
  - b) Agenda Items:
    - i) CAFO and Other Industrial Development
    - ii) Possible Land Division Checklist
    - iii) Potential Fence Permit
  
- 10) **Adjourn:** J. Freitag moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.