

**DRAFT – WIEDC Minutes for 6.26.12 – DRAFT**

**6 pm/Rutledge Room**

**Present:** Nikolai, Gunnlaugsson (co – chairmen), Ulm, Sorensen, Stayton

**Absent:** Maiers (Secretary)

**Note:** In the absence of the committee secretary, Nikolai and Stayton offered to handle minutes; there were no objections from the committee and/or public present.

1. Call to order at 6:34 pm
2. Minutes from 5.22.12 – Motion by Stayton; Second by Gunnlaugsson to approve; unanimous
3. Committee focus:

3a. Discussion with suggestions relative to how each committee member can bring specific subject/projects with greatest economic impact to the table. Nikolai referred to Ordinance for WIEDC briefly to highlight the committee's charges: Analyze, investigate and help develop strategies and recommendations with regard to projects/ideas.

3b. How can WIEDC organize to effectively move projects forward? Develop sub committees in order to develop ideas, plans etc. Including but not limited to creating a climate that encourages economic development. Some suggestions/ideas included:

- directing projects that affect the Town (e.g. public water access)
  - o Investigate new ideas (e.g. glass crusher and other waste disposal ideas)including cost analysis
- Individual/private projects; in what capacity does/can the committee assist?
  - o Assist entrepreneurs' w/problem solving; organization, business planning, identifying financial resource options

**Goal is to keep/attract young people, focus on supporting existing business (sustaining current economy) and developing new businesses (broaden economic base)**

3c. Target existing Town committees to collaborate with WIEDC on projects:

- Examples: Parks with executing CORP plan/ideas – prioritizing projects, identifying funding sources. WIZAP regarding zoning issues; Chamber relative to tourism.
- Ideas regarding possible areas included Town Clinic/services needed or desired, expense for traveling to/from Island
- WI Schools – progress and plans for the future; supporting and collaboration on ideas for the future as they develop

4. Door County Planning Department (discussion and Motion)

**Open discussion relative to concerns regarding DCPD. Nikolai started by asking that discussion stay constructive/positive. Points made included:**

- **Need for local and County planning not disputed. However, there are areas where the process or function is not working.**
  - o **Information: Obtaining information is challenging. For the novice the attitude is often the problem – not helpful, impatient. More complicated than necessary, inconsistent.**
  - o **Time delays/expense: why are W.I. residents paying a travel fee?**
  - o **Expediting/turn around time**
  - o **DCPD more focused on fees than substance; entrenched in authority**
  - o **Process prohibits on island discussion/review; ideas “die” in the county w/out coming to T.O.W. board/WIZAP; what is DCPD purpose?**
  - o **Consumer relations – unprofessional (officious) rude; rules (fees) not consistent**
  - o **Enforcement process – poor follow up e.g. occupancy permits; inconsistent**
- **MOTION by Stayton; second by Sorensen to create a draft letter for the Town Board relative to problems and concerns relative to the Door County Planning Department. Sub-committee to include Ulm, Sorensen and Stayton. Vote: Unanimously approved**
- 5. **Update on dredging: Gunnaugsson provided update on project (W.I. did not receive funding); working with Beis and LaSae, WIFL, US Coast Guard and DNR.**
- 6. **Update on Harbor Master Plan – Gunnaugsson to move forward w/in the Town for public access initiatives despite the grant money not forthcoming.**
- 7. **Update on Kap’s Marina initiative – proposals and other communications sent to some members of the community. No other information available for this meeting.**
- 8. **Glacierland update: Exit surveys still being dispersed at the ferry dock. Gunnaugsson to get an update on progress for next meeting. Glacierland working on a number of feasibility studies for individuals – no details on who, what or number of studies could be identified.**
- 9. **Committee comments – none**
- 10. **Public comments – general discussion on where the committee can proceed (Munao) to address our town’s issues and concerns. General feedback on meeting in summer due to scheduling and increased activity suggested that postponing specific work until Fall be considered.**
- 11. **Schedule of next meeting tentatively set for July 24; Nikolai to ascertain if this is feasible and communicate w/the committee members.**
- 12. **Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Sorensen; second by Ulms at 8:15 pm. Unanimously approved.**

**Respectfully submitted by Nikolai and Stayton**