

## W. I. ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

RUTLEDGE ROOM – 7:00 PM

### AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Note: There were no minutes from the 6.6.14 Public Session w/ Marian Goode, however an Overview of FAO's is attached. Minutes from the meeting on 5.14.14 were approved at the 6.6.14 brief meeting prior to the Public Session and have been filed.)
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Kay Lutze (formerly Miller) has left the Door County Planning Dept.; she has been appointed Shoreland Policy Coordinator, which is a new post, for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Lutze has been dedicated and served as the Zoning Administrator for the Washington Island community for numerous years. She will be replaced by Rick Brauer who is assuming Kay's territory as the Planning Department adjusts and organizes after Kay's departure. As per Mariah Goode, Mr. Brauer will be present for a WIZAP meeting with the W.I. community in the near future; a brief bio will follow in future communications. There were no other communications received.
5. **TO PLAN OR NOT TO PLAN:** Debating the advantages/disadvantages of the T.O.W. developing its own plan. WIZAP committee members will review, debate and determine a recommendation and/or course of action to be sent to the Town Board. Discussion/Motion
6. **FUTURE AGENDAS/TOPICS:**
  - Review Act 170 and new County Ordinances w/DCP Zoning Administrator Rick Brauer (date TBD)
  - Recommendations from the committee/public
7. **ADJOURN**

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Date Posted: 9.19.14

## **OVERVIEW FAQ'S OF PUBLIC SESSION 6.6.14**

**MARIAH GOODE, Director**

**Door County Planning Department**

### **Why was the DC Comprehensive Plan update necessary?**

Due to a change, Farmland Preservation for one example, at the State level, the County was required to update the information developed in the Comprehensive Plan to address those changes. In doing so, the entire plan was then reviewed and updated.

### **When will the DC Comprehensive Plan for the County be finished?**

The updates have been addressed; the final approval will be addressed by the County Board later this summer.

### **How was the T.O.W. included in this process?**

Individual on island public meetings with various committees (WIZAP, WIEDC , etc.) were held and the Comprehensive Plan points/goals were reviewed. Informational sessions were also held in the County at various locations. NOTE: Opportunities for public participation is a requirement of the process; the County and the T.O.W. met this requirement through the various meeting dates/locations etc.

The points/goals in the "Plan" were dictated by the State and were detailed in packets sent to the T.O.W. as well as other communities; the points/goals were the same for all communities. Island committees made their recommendations and forwarded them to the Town Board for approval.

### **Why does the T.O.W. come under this plan?**

Earlier Town Boards reviewed whether to adopt the County plan and/or develop their own. The decision was to adopt the County Plan.

### **Why was this necessary?**

In 1999, the State of Wisconsin passed a law which required any and all jurisdictions to have a plan in place if it wanted to take action on land use in their community.

### **Can the T.O.W. have its own plan?**

Short answer is yes. The rules for developing the Town's own plan are the same as it was for the County and/or for any other community within the State of Wisconsin. The same list of specific topics, the legal process, mapping and ordinances will need to be compliant with the rules of developing a Plan. The Town plan could not, for example, do less than what the State Law requires and/or ignore these laws.

### **What are the benefits of a plan?**

It depends on what the Town expects to obtain from a plan. For example - Envisioning what the Town will be in the future; consideration of unique characteristics/issues; setting priorities/goals; financial and economic factors, anticipating future needs, etc.

### **Would the Town have to start from scratch to develop its own plan?**

Short answer is no. The T.O.W. could use the County plan as a template. Also, an abundance of statistical resource information is available to the Town if and when they would need it.