

WIZAP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2014
Rutledge Room – 7:00 pm

Present at the meeting: Jim Goodwin, Mike Kickbush, Carol Stayton, Liz Holmes, Amanda De Witt, Kirby Foss, Larry Goodlet

1. Meeting called to order by Carol Stayton at 7:00 pm
2. Approval of Agenda: unanimous vote to accept minutes as written
3. Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes to approve. A Public Session took place on 6.6.14 on the Island with Mariah Goode who gave a prepared review of the County presentation on 4.22.2014 held on the mainland. (There was a conflict with the Town Annual Meeting, so W.I. Residents could not attend.) Ms. Goode reviewed for the committee:
 - Review of the state of comprehensive planning law
 - Review of Door County Planning Department Power Point Presentation Comprehensive & Farmland Preservation Plan Open house meeting.
 - Review of contents and structure of Door County's Comprehensive Plan 2035
 - Discussion of town planning options.
4. Announcements and Communications: Kay Lutze (formerly Miller) has left Door County Planning Dept., she has been replaced by Rick Brauer who is assuming Kay's territory as the Planning Department adjusts and organizes after Kay's departure. Mr. Brauer will be present for a WIZAP meeting with the W.I. community in the near future. There were no other communications received.
5. To Plan or Not to Plan. A debate followed as to whether T.O.W. should develop its own Comprehensive Plan, or continue with the one in place for the County of Door currently. It was pointed out at the meeting that the T.O.W. must continue to follow the County Comprehensive Plan; the T.O.W. could be more restrictive in its planning for the future but not do less than what is required.

Mike Kickbush attended several meetings at a County level last winter to get a clear understanding of just what the County Comprehensive Plan would bring to the island in terms of planning, visions for the future and goals that should be met for the betterment of the County in general. Should the T.O.W. wish to make plans more specific to the island (i.e. waste management plans or low cost housing) then those particular goals may be introduced at a later point.

There is flexibility in the county Comprehensive Plan. However, it must be understood, that regulations to zoning and planning can be made only tighter in its regulation. (e.g. minimum lot size on the island is larger than the permitted lot size of the lower county in some of the island zoning in like designated zoning areas) It was pointed out by Mike if we develop our own comprehensive plan, we would be setting our own goals and visions.

Reference was made to a survey taken in the year 2007 of residents of Washington Island. The response of the islanders was almost identical to the responses of surveys taken from the residents of the lower part of the county. It was pointed out by Mary Lee Benson, former committee chair and presently an alternate member in the audience, that the rewriting of the Comprehensive Plan is very technical and requires a lot of research. Please refer to a copy of

the County Comprehensive Plan on the Door County government website. There is also a copy of the plan at the W.I. Library. Would the WIZAP committee be able to do this, and if so, would the plan differ dramatically from what the County has presented to the T.O.W.? All being said, it was decided to postpone a vote on the issue this evening; the committee wishes to go over the topics in the Comprehensive Plan at the next meeting, October 15th, 2014. This will give all interested members of the community another chance to air opinions, a chance to read the Comprehensive Plan on the County website (<http://map.co/door.wi.us/planning/>), and at the next meeting have one more chance to discuss this matter before bringing the option to vote.

There is also a chance that we can get Rick Brauer to come and make a presentation to the Committee before taking action on the matter. The vote may be delayed because of his visit which is expected to be in November. The Committee is anxious to review, finalize discussion and take a vote.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 15th, 2014 at 6:30 pm, at the Rutledge Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda De Witt