

WIZAP meeting minutes

November 19, 2014

Rutledge Room-6:30

Present at the meeting: Jim Goodwin, Larry Goodlet, Kirby Foss, Liz Holmes, Amanda De Witt, Mick Kickbush, Mary Lee Benson (Alternate)

Absent from the meeting: Carol Stayton

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Liz Holmes.
2. Approval of the Agenda: motion made and seconded, approved.
3. Approval of the minutes: motion made and seconded, approved.
4. Announcements/Communication: none to report.
5. To Plan or Not to Plan: (part 3) Update on the housing element of the Comprehensive Planning, Mike Kickbush made a report stating that he had been in communication with Becky Kerwin regarding the Door county Housing partnership. There will be an informal informational open meeting in Sister Bay in January. The exact date will be announced later when plans are formalized. Mike will go to the meeting and others may join him if they so desire. There will probably not be a meeting in December, so Mike will contact other planning members by email of the time and date and place of the meeting. Discussion at this meeting will be about attainable housing. It is hoped that if members attend the meeting from Washington Island that they can gather information that would be specific to the needs of the island. The cost of the ferry ticket and one meal (not including tax) will be covered by those attending.

The other items mentioned on the agenda will be covered at a later meeting when Carol has returned from her off island family duties.

6. Guest presentation: Introduction and discussion with Rick Brauer, Door County Planning-Zoning Administrator II. The zoning administration is down to two people running the department, however the county board will approve another person to start working at the department soon. Upon the recommendations of Carol Stayton, Rick came prepared to talk about new Shoreland zoning Regulations, created in May, 2014. These regulations can be accessed from the Door County government web site. It was recommended to the plan board that if there are any questions regarding these regulations and how they might potentially affect landowners on the island, that the landowner should directly contact the zoning administrators in the Door County Court House. The regulations are clearly spelled out in the hand out that Rick prepared for the board, but he feels it would be safest to avoid any misunderstandings by checking with the zoning people first as to how the regulations might pertain to each individual situation. Rick also handed board members a copy of the Door county Shoreland Mitigation Handbook. This too was adopted in May 2014. This handout gives a detailed definition of just what mitigation is, its goals, background, and how the system works. Again, due to the length of the mitigation

process, if there are questions with individual citizens/landowners, it would be best if they personally contact the zoning administrators in Sturgeon Bay. Rick also handed out a copy of General Requirements, 3.14 (3), and as the other information he gave us, this too is located on the Door County government web site. There was lengthy discussion at the meeting about how these issues may affect us on the island. There discussion about outdoor storage of junk material on the island. If there are serious problems with storage of many unused and unlicensed cars, for example, or a worry about a leakage of toxic waste from these vehicles, Rick gave us two names to contact with the DNR solid waste oversight. These people are: Casey Lamensky, 920-662-5488 and Jenny Easterly, 920-303-5431.

7. Mary Lee Benson asked a question about the amount of new piers being constructed on the Washington Harbor beaches. Rick said that this is under the jurisdiction of the DNR.
8. Steve Eaton, citizen of the island, asked about standards for light pollution on the island. There are standards.
9. Liz Holmes asked about surveying gaps that are occurring that affect the property boundaries between landowners. Rick said that the surveying is done by points set by GPS standards. Holly Hansen at the Door County tax maps in the Real Property division of the courthouse would be able to help out with this problem.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45. Moved, and seconded, voted unanimously to go out into the cold, snowy night.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda De Witt