

Minutes of a meeting of the Washington Island Planning Committee
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Tuesday, 19 April 2011 in the Rutledge Room of the Washington Island Community Center .

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Chairman Kickbush. Committee members present were Kirby Foss, Mary Lee Benson, Supervisor Elizabeth Holmes and Doug Huffman. Community members present were Wally and Elaine Schwartz and Barry McNulty.

The agenda was accepted as written and without objection. The Minutes of the previous 29 March 2011 meeting were approved without objection. Chairman Kickbush noted that no correspondence had been received for this meeting.

The first Agenda Action Item was a variance request for property owned by Rob and Marcia Carr at 1436 Main Road (parcel ID 028-02-36342932C and 028-02-36342932D) from Door County Zoning Ordinance Section 3.02(3)(a) which requires a new lot in the General Agricultural GA zoning district to be at least 600 feet wide and to contain 20 acres. The request is to create a new lot which does not meet the minimum 600 feet width or 20 acre minimum lot size.

Co-owner petitioner Rob Carr presented additional illustrative material showing the intended reconfiguration, "split", of the lots 32C and 32D, taking about 4 acres from lot 32C and adding it to one acre lot 32D, making both lots 5.25 acres. The petitioner submitted supporting/approving correspondence from six neighboring property owners Kelly Jorgenson, Jerry and Mary Ann Maiers, Wally and Elaine Schwartz, Daniel Nerenhausen, Barbara Hansen and Ray Hansen. The petitioner explained the purpose of the reconfiguration, to allow proper siting of desired additions to an existing structure on lot 32D, a building permit for which was denied in 2006.

Chairman Kickbush solicited questions of the petitioner from the committee members. The petitioner answered questions from Mary Lee Benson and Chairman Kickbush.

There was no input from members of the public present and the correspondence had already been cited

Chairman Kickbush moved to approve the variance request for property owned by Rob and Marcia Carr at 1436 Main Road from door County Zoning Ordinance Section 3.02(3)(a). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Elizabeth Holmes.

Notice of ex parte communication was solicited. Discussion guided by the ordinance criteria was solicited. All criteria were satisfied.

The vote was called and passed unanimously .

The contrary motion to deny the variance request for property owned by Rob and Marcia Carr at 1436 Main Road from door County Zoning Ordinance Section 3.02(3)(a) was made by Chairman Kickbush The opposition was unanimous.

Agenda Action Item B, to elect Planning Committee Chairman was announced. Mary Lee Benson moved the recommendation of Mike Kickbush and Kirby Foss seconded the recommendation to the Town Board. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

The election of Planning Committee secretary was announced. Kirby Foss advanced Doug Huffman who declined to serve and announced his intention to resign from the committee.

Mary Lee Benson volunteered to serve as secretary. Chairman Kickbush moved the recommendation to the Town Board of Mary Lee Benson's service as Planning Committee Secretary. The recommendation was seconded by Supervisor Elizabeth Holmes. The motion for recommendation passed unanimously.

Chairman Kickbush announced the impending 18 May visit by the Door County Planning Department for the purpose of discussing the Farmland Preservation Ordinance, Conservation Subdivisions, and Secondary Dwelling Units. Mary Lee Benson suggested inclusion of Act 375 Wetlands Disturbance Permitting.

There was no community input

Under Board Input, Doug Huffman affirmed his intention to resign from the Planning Committee. The effect of having only one Town Board Supervisor was discussed and its effect on quorum requirements

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be announced. The meeting was adjourned at 1923