

January 9th, 2013

To whom it may concern,

In regards to the letter you received dated December 20th, 2012 as an inquiry and invitation to attend a public meeting with representatives from Door County Government on Friday, January 18th, 2013 has been postponed.

After sending out the previous letter, I heard from many people that it was a great idea to have the opportunity to discuss thoughts and ideas and possibly convey concerns from Island citizens regarding the current Zoning Rules that Door County has in place and how they affect our community. However, it was mentioned that it would be very beneficial if us (the Town) as a whole had more time to prepare some of our concerns. I think this is a good idea and could prove to provide a better and more open discussion and dialog with specific examples and concerns to them.

As mentioned in my first letter, this is a fresh start conversation with the County and not intended to rekindle the past, but I do understand that some past examples might be relevant for conversation as they are specific examples. If anybody has had a good or bad experience working with the Planning department and feels that you have ideas on what or how the Town could do to enhance our working relationship with the Planning Department in the future, then this will be beneficial.

I was asked by the County Administrator last week to attend a preliminary meeting with all the members that were planning on attending the Island meeting to come up with a game plan and strategy of how the open meeting was going to go so the best use of time could be utilized. She was planning the meeting outline from her perspective. So, it was no surprise to her and actually she was happy to slow the boat down a bit and allow us and them to get our ducks in a row before we have this meeting. I requested that we postpone until a later time and she felt that it would be much more beneficial for all parties if it was pushed back until more ferries are running so they can come up here and spend more time and not be rushed.

So, in closing, I apologize for the confusion and excitement of this opportunity, but I truly believe that as a community, we need to be more prepared as we look towards the future. It was suggested that we have a public meeting and bring all our concerns forward and prepare them locally so when the County does come up, were best utilizing all our time and can be specific on our thoughts and concerns as we present them to the County.

This public meeting with questions and answers will happen, I promise. It's been in the works of preparation for many months all ready, I don't think three more will hurt anything. Please call me if you have any questions at 920-883-6601.

Thanks for understanding,

Joel Gunnlaugsson, Town Chairman