

EMMITSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: April 27, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE: Pat Boyle, Joyce Rosensteel, Keith Suerdieck, Cliff Sweeney, Steve Starliper (Alt) John Howard had notified the Planning Commission that he would be out of town for this meeting.

STAFF: Sue Cipperly

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairperson Boyle.

Pledge of Allegiance.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES: Disposition of November 27, 2014 minutes.

Motion to approve minutes of November 27, 2014 was placed by Keith Suerdieck and a second provided by Joyce Rosensteel.

Motion was passed unanimously by those present.

OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIRPERSON: Patrick Boyle stated that during the last comprehensive plan process, he had to announce that he was part owner of the Silver Fancy property, which could be affected by comp plan decisions. Now, he is no longer an owner of the property, but his brother owns the property. Mr. Boyle asked Ms. Cipperly to check with the ethics committee to see whether he still had to announce the fact that his family has a relationship to the Silver Fancy property.

REORGANIZATION – Joyce Rosensteel nominated that the same officers be continued for 2015. Motion passed. Patrick Boyle, Chairman; Joyce Rosensteel, Vice-Chairman; John Howard, Secretary for 2015.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission Annual Report for MDP

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cipperly provided the Short Form Planning Commission Annual Report to be submitted to MDP, and said now that the officers have been selected, she can attach a page with that updated information.

MOTION: Motion for approval was offered by Patrick Boyle and seconded by Joyce Rosensteel.

Motion was passed unanimously by those present.

2015 Comp Plan Update

Sue Cipperly provided an overview of what had changed since the 2009 Comp Plan, and discussed two of the sections of the 2015 draft – Sustainability and Public Participation. Ms. Cipperly asked for a motion to be sent to the town board recommending that the comp plan be updated.

Steve Starliper made a motion to update the comp plan and send the idea to the town commissioners. Second by Pat Boyle.

Discussion of meeting schedule, including special meetings in order to maintain momentum of process, ensued. Approved as attached.

Public Comment

Tim O'Donnell, Carrick Court, Emmitsburg encouraged the Planning Commission as they start the Comp Plan process, and the town board would look forward to receiving it.

Pat Boyle motion to adjourn, second by Joyce Rosensteel. Unanimous to adjourn

Submitted by: Steve Starliper/Sue Cipperly (in absence of John Howard)

Proposed Schedule for 2015 Comp Plan

April 27, 2015 Planning Commission meeting, initial powerpoint, overview, sections 1 and 2. PC sends recommendation to the Board to update the plan.

May 4, 2015 Town Board receives PC recommendation and concurs that the plan should be updated.

May 11 or 12 – PC Special Meeting

May 26 (Tuesday after Labor Day) PC regular meeting. Review of sections and presentation by those requesting land use changes.

June 8 – Review of sections and discussion of land use change requests.

June 22 and/or 29. Finish and send to MDP for 60-day review. (Has to be at least 60 days before Public Hearing.)

August 31 Public Hearing by Planning Commission. Would also discuss any comments from State review. Could approve the draft at that time, and send to Board, or schedule another meeting, depending on state and public comments.