

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PLAN COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009
7:00 P.M.
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER**

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Gibraltar Plan Commission was called to order at 7: 08 p.m. by Tom Birmingham, chairman.

Members present: Tom Birmingham, David Boyd, Andy Coulson, Jim Jauquet and Linda Merline

Approve minutes of last meeting: *It was moved by Jauquet and seconded by Boyd to approve the minutes of September 29, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Boyd and seconded by Coulson to approve the minutes of October 12, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

Open discussion and correspondence: No correspondence has been received.

Utility districts: Presentation by Ann Miller of Liberty Grove: Birmingham welcomed Liberty Grove Town Board Ann Miller, Nancy Goss, Frank Forkert and Robert Tidball. Chairman John Lowry was unable to attend. The town board also acts as the Liberty Grove Health, Safety and Welfare Committee. Goss stated the committee consulted with McMahon and Associates to make the entire town to be a sanitary district. Costs for work so far are approximately \$26,000. There is a small utility district on Beach Road. The committee contracted the Door County Sanitarian's office for septic testing at \$30 per parcel. Tests are coming in at an 80% failure rate. The utility district is able to order inspections by statute per Goss. Miller added that 90 – 100 systems are being inspected annually. The order of inspections is the most concentrated areas first, around Sister Bay then Ellison Bay followed by least soil to most soil. The cost for the testing to the property owner is \$75-155 with the town crew boring for the tests. There is grant funding available for lower income residents. Liberty Grove will be creating a long range plan for wastewater, stormwater and freshwater. Miller stated that wastewater is the highest priority. By being proactive it shows that work is being done as is a means of slowing/stopping annexation. The Village of Sister Bay has a well ordinance with annual mandatory testing. Liberty Grove is in the process of putting in a well ordinance with voluntary testing except for commercial properties. Working cooperatively on ordinances would be cost saving. Birmingham thanked the committee for their valuable input.

20-year comprehensive plan renewal: Implementation, resolution: Jauquet stated that there was no practical way to insert the 2004-2009 construction figures. A paragraph will be added on page 1-11. The data will be updated in 2011 after the 2010 census by Baylake Regional Planning. The commission agreed that given the extensive amount of data to be updated it would be well worth the cost of membership.

20-year comprehensive plan renewal: Schedule Open House: The open house will be set at the November meeting.

Committee reports:

- a. Sustainability: The commission agreed to put sustainability on the next meeting agenda as an item to be included into the comprehensive plan. Coulson further recommended that sustainability should be translated from an abstract to concrete idea by taking concrete ideas to the town board for implementation.
- b. Ground and surface water: Nothing to report.
- c. Official map: Nothing to report.
- d. Housing: Nothing to report.
- e. Transportation: Birmingham reported the bike committee is headed toward general recommendations on bike routes. Alternative paths will be brought forward to the town board. A Wisconsin Department of Transportation representative was at the last meeting; he was very knowledgeable and useful to the committee.
- f. Education: Nothing to report at this time.
- g. Preservation: Nothing to report at this time.

Set next meeting date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: *It was moved by Boyd and seconded by Merline to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer