

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PLAN COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008
7:00 P.M.
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER**

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Gibraltar Plan Commission was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Tom Birmingham, chairman.

Members present: Tom Birmingham, David Boyd and Linda Merline. Jim Jauquet will be arriving shortly per Birmingham.

Members absent: Andy Coulson

Approve minutes of last meeting: *It was moved by Boyd and seconded by Merline to approve the minutes of April 29, 2008 as written. Motion carried unanimously.*

Open discussion and correspondence: No correspondence had been received. Birmingham stated that the Resource Planning Committee passed the conditional use for the Fish Creek Motel with all the town conditions and a 30-day limit to be written into the condominium agreements, landscaping and no exit doors onto Cottage Row.

Implementation 2008:

A. Planning commission website: Nothing to report at this time.

B. Needs assessment for designation for future park areas and roadways: Birmingham spoke with Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet regarding the cooperative effort between Parks & Lands and the Plan Commission. Parks & Lands will make a needs assessment and meet with the Commission when complete and prior to forming recommendations. Planning will handle the roads assessment. When both assessments are complete the recommendations will be brought forward together. Birmingham and Jauquet will work on the roads/transportation assessment, inventory and recommendations to present to the Commission.

Gibraltar sign ordinance overlay, preliminary review: Birmingham stated the Commission was directed by the Town Board at this year's annual meeting to review the current sign ordinance. Rick Brauer of Door County Planning and Zoning brought forward the following concerns:

- Sign material is repetitive
- The county ordinance allows one flag per business with words, the town will allow more than one with special permission by the town board.
- Outside display of appropriate merchandise is subjective.

Tim Nyberg of Gallery 42 sent a letter last year stating his concern with material limitations. Other commission members have heard complaints on the ordinance being too restrictive. Birmingham questioned if the current sign ordinance is working and how is it working. Examples were given of local enforcement. Jauquet arrived at 7:22 p.m. The sign ordinance was last amended in 2000. In recent memory the town board addressed use of the American flag. Outdoor display has always been an issue. It was recommended other municipalities be surveyed for sign ordinances and their associated restrictions, complaints and enforcement issues. Boyd will follow up on this for the next meeting.

Sustainability in the Town of Gibraltar: Birmingham stated Foth is putting on a sustainability conference Thursday June 19th at the Paper Valley Hotel. It runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Birmingham and Boyd will attend and report back on incorporating sustainable practices. The following resources are available on the subject: *The Natural Step, Simple Prosperity, The Age of American Unreason, The Economy of Community* and the website www.sustainabledoor.org just to name a few. Merline stated

the environment and the arts are a natural thing for Door County. A small but effective way to start would be to put recycling containers next to the town waste receptacles. It is a way to change ones thinking about everything you do. Bayfield's Resolution #360 was reviewed. The philosophy of the resolution supports a lot of what is in the town's comprehensive plan.

Committee reports:

- A. Preservation: Boyd spoke with Wayne Kudick about awards for those who have been consistent with preservation guidelines and recommended practices. A dual recognition was suggested, something on the property and on paper. A new page could be added on the website.
- B. Ground and surface water protection: Nothing to report at this time.
- C. Official map: Jauquet and Weddig are still trying to meet with Foth.
- D. Housing: Merline spoke with Habitat regarding a Sister Bay property using Virge Temme, Architect for a green project. Merline questioned if the town would partner with Habitat and put in 3-4 duplexes near a future park on the airport property. Jauquet stated a housing conference is to be attended each year usually per the plan.
- E. Transportation: Nothing to report at this time.
- F. Education project: Merline stated she did not like the molded plastic rack. The education piece is multidirectional. Merline contacted Merrell Runquist regarding a bulk mailing of pamphlets; additional information can be located in the town office. DCS&WC will be sending brochures. Information packets could also be given out with building permits.

Set next meeting date: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: *It was moved by Boyd and seconded by Jauquet to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.*
The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer