

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PLAN COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014
7:00 P.M.
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER**

Approved: 9/9/2014

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Gibraltar Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Linda Merline, chairman.

Roll Call/Quorum: Merline stated that a quorum of the Commission was present. Members present: Linda Merline, Tom Blackwood, Brian Hackbarth and Wendy Minten. Absent: Tom Young

Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda: Merline confirmed the agenda had been properly noticed. *Motion: (Hackbarth/Minten) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried*

Approve minutes of previous meeting: *MOTION: (Minten/Blackwood) to approve the minutes of June 24, 2014 as presented. Carried*

Public Comment: None

Consideration of Sustainability Resolution: A draft resolution was presented to the Commission based on last month's discussions. Minten stated it is important to understand that the Town considers the economic, environmental and socially sustainable options are chosen *whenever possible*. It is tailored to be flexible and is not meant to limit the Town Board. It recognizes the Comprehensive Plan and is used in conjunction with and to promote. It is a philosophy that will help move the Plan forward. A question arose regarding the guiding principle referencing the use of extracted underground minerals and metals and its applicability to the Town. Merline stated the four guiding principles are the common thread to all eco-municipality resolutions and doesn't think that should be changed. Hackbarth asked whether to have the principles focus more on energy efficient, not only limit to fossil fuels. The principles are meant to be umbrella philosophies and imply energy efficiency. The resolution moves the philosophy forward; into the future, no matter who the elected officials are. Hackbarth would like to reference being economically feasible in the resolution. An audience member commented that a specific financial reference may become restrictive.

Merline compiled a list of items the Town is already doing and shared them with the Commission. The Blackwood gave a recommendation on rephrasing the second paragraph and Kelly will replace the last paragraph with that of the original draft.

2015 Budget: The Commission reviewed the 2015 budget spreadsheet. *Motion: (Minten/Blackwood) to approve 2015 budget of the Plan Commission for \$8015. Carried*

Committee Reports:

Chair: Minten reported that the school sinkhole is in a karst formation. It cannot be addressed at this time because of an endangered snail per the DOT.

Watershed: No report

Maps: Merline reported that the County has completed the maps and Mariah will be reviewing them with Kelly and Merline, at the Town office on Sept. 9th at 8:00 AM.

Updates on Parks & Lands/Bike Path: No Report

Surface & Groundwater Protection: No Report

Attainable Housing: Hackbarth reported Sister Bay is actively working on options.

Set the Next Meeting Date: To be determined

Adjourn: *Motion: (Hackbarth/Minten) to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk