

Important Update: Meeting Packets

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What's available online: A summary of meeting topics and recommendations.

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**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WITH
CLOSED SESSION PER WIS. STATS. §19.85(1)(e)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
4097 HIGHWAY 42, FISH CREEK, WI 54212**

Call to order: Chair Sohns called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call/quorum: Board members present: Chair Sohns, Supervisor Birmingham, Supervisor Hancock, Supervisor Selenica and Supervisor Merkel. Board member(s) absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Adopt agenda: *Motion (Birmingham/Merkel) to approve agenda as presented. Carried.*

Approve minutes of previous meeting(s): *Motion (Birmingham/Selenica) to approve minutes from April 1, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. Carried.*

Consideration of Special Event Request-Explosions of Fun July 2nd fireworks event including Town participation for 250th anniversary: Thyssen reviewed history of fireworks events held in conjunction with Independence Day celebrations. In recent years event operated as a private party. Staff explained state alcohol licensing requirements, noting temporary alcohol beverage licenses cannot be issued for distilled spirits and any alcohol provided in connection with donations or fundraising activities constitutes a sale requiring a license. Staff reported on prior communication with Explosions of Fun concerning state alcohol licensing requirements and potential alternative licensing options. Proposed format for this year would relocate event to Clark Park, allowing attendees to carry in beverages, alleviating need for alcohol licensing. Fireworks vendor and band has been secured. VFC pledged \$10,000 toward event costs. Supervisors discussed event staffing, fundraising, band and fireworks costs, whether Town participation should be limited to 250th anniversary year, and Town's potential role in fundraising or financially supporting future fireworks events. Importance of holding a community fireworks event for 250th anniversary of America was stressed. Supervisors discussed whether additional donations beyond minimum fundraising goal should be used to expand fireworks display or reserved for future fireworks events. Discussion regarding allowing attendees to carry beverages outside event area and related enforcement and cleanup concerns. Tracey Alpert addressed Board regarding prior fundraising efforts, donor expectations, alcohol service complications, and costs associated with prior events and stated organizers remain willing to assist with fundraising efforts. Public comment was received from Laurie Buske and Jim Nelson. *Motion (Birmingham/Sohns) to support July 2, 2026 fireworks celebration as part of 250th anniversary of America on a one-time basis with Town contribution not to exceed \$25,000, authorize staff to proceed with fundraising efforts, allow attendees to carry beverages outside event area, and reserve any excess donations received for future fireworks events. Carried.*

Parks and Lands: Buske reported Stantec presented creek restoration planning and restoration options at April meeting with follow-up scheduled for May meeting. Over 200 trees, including a large oak tree and shrubs were donated through Climate Change Coalition and will be planted throughout Gibraltar with assistance from high school and 5th grade students. Additional trees were distributed at Annual Meeting.

Fire Department/EMR: Chief Bertges provided written report. Call volume has increased from 16 calls last year to 21 calls this year. Department recently participated in man trailing course training related to search and rescue operations. Work continues on storm reimbursement grant documentation, planning middle school emergency services class and upcoming CERT training scheduled for May 18. Upcoming Autism and First Responders event was also discussed.

1 **Police Department:** Chief Roesch reported he attended man trailing course training and continues
2 work on several ordinance revisions, including one on agenda tonight. Speed trailers have been
3 relocated and Spring Road signs have arrived and will be installed.

4 **VFC:** Lancaster reported office will open for season on May 21 with office hours from 10:00 a.m.
5 to 4:00 p.m. Spring member social is May 19 at Behringer's. New brochures and Fish Fri materials
6 are ready for distribution.

7 **Noble House:** Buske reported preparations continue for Memorial Day opening and upcoming
8 concerts at Noble Square. Heritage Harbor fundraising efforts are at approximately 55% of goal.

9 **Airport:** Drajesk reported airport staffing will begin Memorial Day weekend. Bicycles and
10 courtesy car will be available the week prior. Drajesk reported on recent TAC meeting with BOA
11 and Westwood and noted summary information has been shared with Board. Drajesk also reported
12 on construction activity related to hangar expansion and upcoming Young Eagles event and airport
13 80th anniversary celebration on June 6.

14 **Watershed:** Thyssen reported Merline met with a couple interested in assisting with watershed
15 testing efforts and possible continuation of volunteer testing activities.

16 **Plan Commission:** Thyssen reported Plan Commission held a hearing on Barry P. James variance
17 application at April meeting and recommended support. Commission continues discussions related
18 to County Zoning ordinance review.

19 **Harbor Commission:** Thyssen reported dock staff are preparing harbor for season and harbor is
20 fully staffed.

21 **Door County Tourism Zone / Room Tax:** Weddig reported Gibraltar experienced the greatest
22 increase in room tax collections of any municipality through February, with collections increasing
23 approximately \$5,000 over prior year levels. Weddig also reported tourism season appears strong
24 heading into summer months.

25 **Building Committee:** No report.

26 **Door County Coastal Byways:** Reetz reported Committee met April 20, 2026. Due to lack of
27 quorum, discussion only occurred. Committee reviewed finances and discussed reprinting coloring
28 books and brochures and future advertising efforts. Next meeting is August 17, 2026.

29 **Broadband:** No report.

30 **County Board Representative:** Hancock reported County Board reorganized committees
31 following April election. Hancock also reported on discussion regarding removal of tugboat in
32 Baileys Harbor and litigation involving PFAS manufacturers.

33 **Clerk:** Reetz reported April lection went well and thanked election inspectors. Alcohol beverage
34 license renewal applications have been sent out and reminded businesses they must have a licensed
35 operator, owner, or agent present whenever alcohol is being served. Compliance will continue to
36 be monitored and enforced.

37 **Treasurer:** Cain-Bieri reported she attended the annual Wisconsin Municipal Treasurers
38 Association conference and taught a class for first-year treasurers.

39 **Administrator:** Thyssen reported staff completed a mini road review in preparation for upcoming
40 Board road review. Staff continues working on removal of Coach House Cottage. Standing water
41 conditions in parks have improved and trail activity has increased. Maintenance staff continues
42 mulching, cold patching, road and parking lot cleanup, and brushing operations. Mike Kaster,
43 Cedar Corp, reported downtown reconstruction project remains on schedule and substantial
44 completion anticipated prior to Memorial Day weekend. Discussion occurred regarding utility
45 boxes and related infrastructure placed within Cedar Court park area as part of utility relocation
46 work.

1 **Chair:** Chair Sohns recognized Cain-Bieri for completing Municipal Treasurer of Wisconsin
2 certification and recognized Thyssen’s upcoming five-year anniversary with the Town and thanked
3 him for his service.

4 **Public Comment:** Karl Stubenvll noted former clerk Sharon Keller passed away. Connie Judd
5 addressed Board regarding recent Door County Trails hike at Fish Creek Park, concerns related to
6 July 2 fireworks event, and exposed tree roots within downtown reconstruction area. Nancy
7 Sargent addressed Board regarding dark sky initiatives and lighting impacts within the community.

8 **Presentation of 2025 audit by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP:** Leah Lasecki presented Town’s 2025
9 audit results, reporting an unmodified opinion with no compliance issues or segregation of duties
10 deficiencies identified. Lasecki reviewed fund balances, debt levels, and capital project transfers
11 and reported on Town’s general fund balance. Lasecki commended Town staff for audit
12 preparation and responsiveness during audit process.

13 **Door County Emergency Management Fire Sign Replacement Program:** JEB Saelens,
14 Director, Door County Emergency Management provided an update on countywide fire sign
15 replacement program, including replacement procedures, installation standards, visibility
16 requirements, and sign replacement within condominium and private road developments. Public
17 comment was received from Laurie Buske and Connie Judd. Merkel asked whether additional
18 markings or identifiers could be added to signs to assist emergency services and law enforcement
19 with long driveways and turnaround limitations.

20 **Destination Door County and Door County Tourism Zone:** Juliana Behme, Door County
21 Tourism Zone Administrator, and John Jarosh, Destination Door County, provided updates
22 regarding room tax collections, tourism trends, Destination Door County programs, and tourism
23 promotion restrictions under state statute. Presenters reviewed Community Investment Fund
24 grants, municipal reimbursements, tourism-related infrastructure funding, and ongoing destination
25 stewardship efforts. Discussion occurred regarding dark sky initiatives and educational outreach
26 opportunities. Public comment was received from Connie Judd regarding tourism impacts on local
27 communities, emergency services, infrastructure, and room tax distribution.

28 **Consideration of Special Event Request – Door County Historical Society use of Town
29 Parking Lot June 26, 2026:** Staff presented request on behalf of Door County Historical Society
30 for use Town parking lot for event parking and shuttle pick-up/drop-off for Eagle Bluff Light
31 Station Grand Opening on June 26. *Motion (Selenica/Hancock) to approve Special Event request
32 from Door County Historical Society for use of Town parking lot for parking and shuttle
33 operations. Carried.*

34 **Consideration of Special Event Request-The Main Course-The Traveling Sharpener May
35 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, 2026:** Staff presented request on behalf of The
36 Main Course. Event was held previously without issues. *Motion (Merkel/Hancock) to approve The
37 Main Course Special Event Request. Carried.*

38 **Consideration of GHA Special Event Request- Living History at Noble Square May 30, 2026:**
39 Buske presented request on behalf of GHA for Living History at Noble Square on May 30, 2026
40 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Event includes alpaca shearing demonstrations, demonstrations by
41 Fish Creek Library, and small animal exhibits such as goats and donkeys. Similar outdoor
42 demonstrations have been held in prior years as part of GHA Living History programming. Buske
43 noted need to cone off a few parking spaces on Hill Street for trailer parking for Donkey. *Motion
44 (Birmingham /Hancock) to approve GHA Special Event Request for Living History at Noble
45 Square on May 30, 2026 as presented. Carried.*

46 **Consideration of Barry P. James Variance Application #Z-26-0230 PIN 014-02-32312723F
47 (9273 Gibraltar Bluff Rd.):** Thyssen advised Plan Commission reviewed application at its April

1 27, 2026 meeting and unanimously recommended support. No public testimony in support or
2 opposition was received at Plan Commission hearing. Supervisor discussion focused on
3 importance of maintaining setback requirements and concerns about creating precedent for future
4 setback reductions. Supervisors discussed specific circumstances of property, including lot line
5 configuration and preservation of mature trees, and whether those conditions justified
6 consideration of request. *Motion (Birmingham/Selenica) to support Plan Commission
7 recommendation and recommend approval of Variance Application #Z-26-0230. Carried.*

8 **Consideration of IT managed service provider options – Door County IT:** Cain-Bieri reviewed
9 managed service provider options from Door County IT, noting increasing cybersecurity concerns,
10 multi-factor authentication requirements, and ongoing fraud attempts directed at Town systems.
11 Staff reviewed benefits of the all-inclusive package, including cybersecurity protections, Microsoft
12 licensing, hardware support, fiber and equipment repair, and priority service response compared
13 to the current a la carte structure. *Motion (Merkel /Hancock) to approve transition to Door County
14 IT MSP All-Inclusive Package for \$2,462.00 for ongoing IT management, cybersecurity, licensing,
15 and technical support services as presented. Carried.*

16 **Consideration of appointments to Parks and Lands Committee:** Chair Sohns made
17 recommendation for appointments to Parks and Lands Committee. *Motion (Birmingham/Selenica)
18 to appoint Laurie Buske and Jayson Merkel to two-year terms expiring April 30, 2028. Carried.
19 Merkel abstained.*

20 **Review of compliance with Operational Compliance Plan – Greenwood Alcohol Beverage**
21 **License:** Staff reported Greenwood has been consistently open and operating. Licensee has
22 submitted weekly reports identifying anticipated hours for upcoming week and documentation
23 from previous week, including actual hours of operation, sales reports, and receipts from
24 distributors and vendors, in accordance with Plan. Based on information received to date, licensee
25 is meeting expectations outlined in Plan. There was public comment from Connie Judd.

26 **Consideration of Ordinance 2026-02 Creating Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances**
27 **Relating to Special Events:** Thyssen reviewed proposed special events ordinance developed
28 following prior Board direction. Feedback was provided by Visit Fish Creek regarding clarification
29 of what constitutes a special event and when permits should be required. Supervisors discussed
30 recurring business activities and events utilizing Town resources or property. Staff was directed to
31 incorporate suggested modifications and return the ordinance for further review.

32 **Consideration of Sanitary System Flush License Agreement with Fish Creek Sanitary**
33 **District:** Thyssen reviewed proposed sanitary system flush agreement allowing Sanitary District
34 to utilize dock infrastructure to pump fresh water to assist with odor control and reduce hydrogen
35 sulfide buildup during peak usage periods. Bill Weddig addressed the Board. *Motion
36 (Merkel/Selenica) to approve Sanitary System Flush License Agreement with Fish Creek Sanitary
37 District. Carried.*

38 **Police squad replacement/consideration of purchase of 2027 squad and equipment:** Board
39 reviewed request to proceed with replacement of a police squad and purchase 2027 squad and
40 related equipment as part of Town’s vehicle replacement planning. Discussion regarding recent
41 mechanical issues with current squad, retaining current squad for Town or backup use, and future
42 disposition of older white squad. Supervisors discussed funding options, including lease-to-own
43 financing versus use of capital funds, with preference expressed for use of capital funds due to
44 current interest rates. *Motion (Sohns /Birmingham) to approve purchase of 2027 police squad and
45 related equipment as presented, with remaining balance funded through capital funds and budget
46 process as needed. Carried.*

1 **Consideration of sale of 2013 Gravley mower:** Board reviewed request to sell the 2013 Gravley
2 mower following purchase of replacement equipment already placed into service. Thyssen
3 reported staff reviewed estimated auction values and received an offer from Ambrosius in the
4 amount of \$1,700, which staff considered fair value. Discussion occurred regarding staff time and
5 logistics associated with auctioning equipment compared to direct sale. *Motion (Hancock/Merkel)*
6 *to approve sale of 2013 Gravley mower to Ambrosius for \$1,700. Carried. Hancock absent for*
7 *vote.*

8 **Consideration of Contractor’s Application for Payment #2-Peters Concrete Company West**
9 **Downtown Reconstruction Phase I:** Thyssen reviewed Contractor’s Application for Payment #2
10 for ongoing downtown reconstruction work and reported work included in application was
11 satisfactorily completed. Kaster reported partial lien waivers associated with Payment Application
12 #1 had not yet been received and recommended payment be held pending receipt of the waivers.
13 *Motion (Sohns/Merkel) to approve Contractor’s Application for Payment #2 to Peters Concrete*
14 *Company in the amount of \$195,308.72 pending receipt of lien waivers. Carried.*

15 **Set date for road review:** June 8 at 5:30 a.m.

16 **Payment of Accounts:** *Motion (Hancock /Selenica) to approve payment of bills. Carried.*

17 **Approval of Knowles-Nelson Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant Contract:** Board reviewed
18 Knowles-Nelson Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant Contract for the previously awarded Town Trail
19 Connector Development and Rehab project. Thyssen advised contract approval formalizes the
20 grant agreement and is needed to proceed with grant administration and funding requirements.
21 *Motion (Birmingham/Hancock) to approve Knowles-Nelson Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant*
22 *Contract as presented and authorize required signatures. Carried.*

23 **Adjourn to closed session according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) & (e):** *Motion*
24 *(Hancock/Selenica) to adjourn to closed session at 9:00 p.m. via roll call vote. Birmingham aye,*
25 *Sohns aye, Hancock aye, Merkel aye, Selenica aye. Carried.*

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27 *(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing*
28 *of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever*
29 *competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: legal service contract*
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31 **Reconvene to open session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(2) to take any action(s) or adopt**
32 **resolution(s) on issues discussed in closed session:** *Motion (Hancock/Merkel) to reconvene to*
33 *open session at 9:13 p.m. Carried.*

34 **Approve action(s) taken in closed session:** *Motion (Sohns/Birmingham) to move forward with*
35 *Municipal Law & Litigation as Town’s legal counsel and authorize execution of necessary*
36 *agreements.*
37 *Carried.*

38 **Adjourn:** *Motion (Hancock/Merkel) to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Carried.*

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40 Respectfully submitted,

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42 Laura Reetz, Clerk

Approved:

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
4097 MAIN STREET
FISH CREEK, WI 54212
8:00 a.m.**

Call to order: Chair Sohns called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll call/quorum: Board members present: Chair Sohns, Supervisor Birmingham, Supervisor Selenica and Supervisor Merkel. Board members absent: Supervisor Hancock.
Also Present: Administrator Thyssen

Agenda/proper notice/adopt agenda: *Motion (Selenica/Merkel) to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.*

Consideration of approval of Sonny's Pizzeria LLC dba The Cherry Hut Producer Full-Service Retail Sales Application for fixed full-service retail outlet located at 8813 Highway 42, Fish Creek: Attorney Collin Schaefer and Attorney Sam Kavalier present via Zoom on behalf of applicant. Trent Synder present in person. Clerk explained application was submitted in conjunction with conversion from a brewpub license structure to a brewery license structure under recent state law changes. Applicant stated operations, premises boundaries and alcohol service practices would remain substantially unchanged. Thyssen reported Police Chief Roesch reviewed the application and reported no concerns or issues. *Motion (Birmingham/Selenica) to approve Producer Full-Service Retail Sales Application submitted by Sonny's Pizzeria LLC dba The Cherry Hut for fixed full-service retail outlet located at 8813 Highway 42, Fish Creek, including attached premises description. Carried.*

Consideration of approval of Vinter LLC dba Helioterra Wines Producer Full-Service Retail Sales Application for fixed full-service retail outlet located at 9331 Spring Road Unit 23-B, Fish Creek: Anne Hubatch present via Zoom on behalf of Helioterra Wines. Clerk explained application was submitted in conjunction with state producer full-service retail sales authorization requirements for the existing wine tasting room and retail space located within the Top of the Hill Shops. Hubatch discussed winery operations, including wine production activities conducted within Wisconsin and on site at the Top of the Hill Shops location, and proposed expansion into adjacent 1,000 square foot space currently under construction. Thyssen reported Police Chief Roesch reviewed the application and reported no concerns or issues. *Motion (Sohns/Selenica) to approve Producer Full-Service Retail Sales Application submitted by Vinter LLC dba Helioterra Wines for fixed full-service retail outlet located at 9331 Spring Road Unit 23-B, Fish Creek including attached premises description and additional 1,000 square foot expansion area currently under construction. Carried.*

Adjourn: *Motion: (Merkel/ Birmingham) to adjourn at 8:16 a.m. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Reetz, Clerk

To: Town Board
From: Staff

Request:

Special Event Request: Peninsula Gun Club July 2, 2026 food and beverage stand

Background:

Peninsula Gun Club has submitted a request to sell hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and water at Clark Park on July 2, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Town fireworks event. They propose parking along the Maple Street side of Clark Park and serving food and beverages from a trailer during the event. Grills and coolers for food and beverage storage would remain on the trailer and service would occur directly from the trailer. The setup would allow equipment to be removed from the park area immediately following the conclusion of the event.

Analysis:

Peninsula Gun Club is a nonprofit organization and proceeds would support club activities. No beer or wine sales are proposed. The organization has indicated it is aware of food safety requirements and has a plan for compliance. The setup would allow for relatively easy removal from the park area following the event.

Recommendation:

Staff has reviewed the request and does not identify any issues associated with the event.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

To: Town Board

From: Staff

Request:

Approve permitting Door County Kiwanis to sell bottled water at the Beach during the Fish Fry Concert series

Background:

Door County Kiwanis is a not for profit who returns generated funds back into the community through I-pads for children who need additional assistance, sponsoring local sports teams, and promoting grade improvement through a rewards program.

The VFC concert series is six events held at the Fish Creek Beach June 12, 26th July 10, 24th Aug 14, 28th from 5 P.M. until 7 P.M.

Analysis:

Town ordinance only allows not for profit to sell in the park; Kiwanis is a not-for-profit organization the Kiwanis is only asking to sell ice water to fund raise. They will provide additional waste containers. Kiwanis would set up a 10x 10 tent and an 8-foot table with two chairs and distribute out of a cooler with ice. No Town services would be needed. Kiwanis has asked VFC if it would be ok to provide this service.

Recommendation:

Staff see no issues with the sale of water to concert guests for the limited time of two hours.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact on this request.

To: Town Board
From: Staff

A list of 2026-27 alcohol beverage, tobacco and operator license applications has been provided for Board review. Most applications are routine renewals with no substantial changes from the prior licensing year. All alcohol beverage license applications were published as required by statute and background checks have been completed where applicable.

Alcohol beverage applications:

- Door County Cherry Hut-Renewal applications have been submitted while the applicant's state permit application remains under review. If the state permit is issued, the municipal licenses will not be issued.
- The Ginger House – Agent change. Applicant is renewing “Class A” Liquor License only and is not renewing Class “A” license
- Greenwood Supper Club – Continues to provide operational reports and sales receipts pursuant to operational compliance plan. Staff advises Board may wish to consider reducing reporting requirements to monthly sales receipts, provided operational hours remain observable and compliance with the operational compliance plan is maintained.
- Wild Tomato – Agent change.
- Julie’s Park Café – Agent change.
- DC Chocolate Design Café – Revised premises/map submitted.
- Kettle Black – Agent change.
- Door County Hidden Kitchen – Not renewing license for 2026-27.

Tobacco License Applications:

- Bay Side
- Fish Creek BP
- Fish Creek Market
- Cut

Operator License Applications:

New applicants include:

- Taylor Kwaterski – Greenwood Supper Club
- Tony Bryzck – Peninsula Gun Club
- Mathew Moxon – Door County Cherry Hut
- Sonia Olsson-White Gull

Renewal applicants include staff from White Gull Inn, Peninsula Gun Club, Welcker’s Lounge, Door County Cherry Hut, Hands On Art Studio, Fish Creek Market and Cut on Main.

To: Town Board
From: Staff

Request

Provide direction to staff regarding cancellation and/or rescheduling procedures in the event of inclement weather affecting July 2, 2026 fireworks display.

Background

The Town has entered into a contract with Spielbauer Fireworks Co., Inc. for the July 2, 2026 fireworks display. The contract provides the display is weather permitting and further provides that if inclement weather prevents the display from occurring on July 2, the display would be rescheduled to the next available evening, excluding July 3 or July 4. The contract further provides that if the display is rescheduled, an additional rescheduling fee of \$400 would apply. If the display is not rescheduled, a cancellation charge equal to 20% of the contract amount will apply.

Analysis

Staff is requesting direction regarding how the Board wishes staff to proceed in the event of inclement weather affecting the July 2, 2026 fireworks display, including whether the Board would prefer rescheduling or cancellation, authority for making cancellation/postponement determinations and public notification procedures.

Fiscal Impact

Rescheduling the fireworks display would result in an additional \$400 rescheduling fee. Cancellation without rescheduling would result in a cancellation charge equal to 20% of the contract amount, or \$5,000.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board provide direction in advance regarding cancellation and/or rescheduling procedures in the event of inclement weather affecting the July 2, 2026 fireworks display, including designation of authority for making weather-related determinations and preferred public notification procedures.

To: Town Board

From: Staff

Request:

Review and give directions on next steps for a Town Blight ordinance.

Background:

Currently the Town doesn't have any ordinances that would allow staff to assist with Blight correction or the ability to assist or force correction.

There are instances and continue to be where staff have been trying to rectify issues where the owners have outright refused to work with staff. Without any ordinance there is no ability to correct the blight, or fine.

Analysis:

The intent of this ordinance is not to nit pick on every parcel that has a little stuff sitting outside, or to force people to live to or at someone else's standards. The intent is to have the ability to assist people whose property has become a public Hazard, public health concern, or a public safety concern. Example: property with boarded up windows, rat or animal infestation, or any other blight that may be a concern for public health, is hazardous to the public, or safety concerns are imminent.

Recommendation:

Review and offer opinions to refine the ordinance, discussion on the need.

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact on this request.

To: Town Board

From: Staff/Cedar Co.

Request:

Consideration of engineering proposal for Spruce St area, discussion of Storm water problems.

Background:

The Storm water system on Spruce St. has been failing for years. Cedar (Dennis Stigenburger) identified in 2019 the Town discovered the base of the Spruce St. catch basin was nonexistent. They poured concrete to try and shore up the base at the time as a patch. In the last three years maintenance has been monitoring sink holes believed to be from storm water washout because of failed storm pipes. Some of the sink holes have taken a lot of aggregate to fill and have been refilled several times. Recently several new holes have begun to form near the old town hall and the boat launch. One is 36" in diameter and has been filled, and cold patched several times.

Analysis:

To look at an area wide repair Cedar has put together a proposal for design and engineering for the Board to review and discuss.

One thing to consider, during the repair some of the long term and capitol improvement plans could be incorporated and completed during the road being ripped up for the storm management, the Harbor walk parking lot, the widening of the west boat launch (identified in 2014 Waterfront Master Plan), bulkhead, boardwalk (identified in the 2022 Ayers Plan), getting rid of the remaining stamped concrete etc...

Recommendation:

Staff have investigated funding options that would not affect current mil rate for taxes and keep the current level but allow for the project to be funded. Additionally, not using our road funds so rural roads can be reviewed and completed not infringing on our road replacement program.

Current request is to begin the design process.

Fiscal Impact:

This project would be like the Cedar Ct./ Main St. project and the cost would similar. Finance committee will review options and make recommendations to the full Board on funding options if the board decided to proceed with the project.