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Minutes of the:
Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting
January 18, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Held in the Bayfield County Board Room, Courthouse, Washburn, WI
& Remotely

The meeting of the Comprehensive Planning Committee was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by *Committee Chairman*, Steve Sandstrom.

Members Present: Steve Sandstrom, Mary Dougherty, Charly Ray, Jim Crandall, Ruth Hulstrom, Ben Dufford, Jason Bodine, Douglas Smith, Cole Rabska, Jake Benson (on behalf of Bob Anderson), Kellie Pederson, Mark Abeles-Allison, Keith Koenning, Nicole Boyd, Jason Laumann, Emily Nelson, Megan Mader, and Paige Terry

Members Excused: Lynn Divine, Barb Thorpe, and Bob Anderson

Others Present: Kim Bro-Town of Washburn Planning Commission, Bruce Moore- Member of the Chequamegon Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby,

2. **Introductions:** Introductions of the committee members were made.
3. **Public Comment:** Bruce Moore, City of Bayfield, read a prepared statement to the committee praising Bayfield County for efforts to move towards renewable energy and on the importance of climate change and its impact on the Comprehensive Plan.

4. **Discussion and Possible Action, Minutes November 16, 2022:**

Motion by Ray, seconded by Pederson to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2022, Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting with the recommended change. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Ray to move ahead to item 7 on the agenda due to the importance of the item and its possible time constraints. Motion carried.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Land Use Classification and Coordination**

with Towns / Matrix Discussion: Laumann reviewed the three mapping options that were previously presented to the committee and recommended that a decision be made regarding the mapping at this meeting due to time constraints. Ray mentioned that it was agreed at the previous meeting that the towns be included in the mapping decision, but the towns remain unaware and uninformed. The committee discussed the mapping options and the impact of involving the towns.

Motion by Ray, seconded by Hulstrom to move forward with second mapping option "Countywide future land use is a compilation of maps developed and approved by each town. Towns would develop a new future land use map using standardized future and use classifications." Motion carried.

Laumann recommended that the committee establish a plan on how to handle communities that do not complete their future land use mapping exercise. Kim Bro, Town of Washburn Planning Commission, suggested that the committee hold three meetings throughout the county to inform communities on the comprehensive planning process and progress that has been made so far. Laumann explained that the committee did not have the necessary time available to hold these meetings. The committee discussed the options available for handling communities that do not complete their mapping exercise.

Motion by Abeles-Allison, seconded by Crandall to adopt a plan to include the Comprehensive Planning Committee proposal/decision into the Comprehensive Plan should a community fail to complete the future land use mapping exercise. Motion carried.

Dougherty asked if someone would be designated to reach out and communicate with the towns on the progress of the updates. Abeles-Allison answered yes. Laumann suggested that the review of the map classification system be added to the next meeting's agenda before anyone reaches out to the towns.

6. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Workgroup Visioning (Vision Statement, Goals, Objectives) Recommended Revisions for Inclusion in the Draft Plan:** The Utilities & Community Facilities and the Hazard Mitigation work groups presented their draft recommendations. The Hazard Mitigation work group is still currently working on the vision statement, but the group has had difficulty meeting. Ray encouraged the subgroup to include provisions regarding wildfires in their draft. Dufford explained that he would reach out to Smith with the USFS to discuss the topic further.

Motion by Crandall, seconded by Pederson to approve the presented drafts as a working draft that may be reviewed and edited in the future. Motion carried.

7. **Discussion Regarding Workgroup Strategy (Action) Review:** Nelson informed the committee that the workgroups will need to meet to provide recommendations for the strategies and actions portions of their drafts. Nelson recommended that the workgroups review the previous plan's actions and determine whether the groups want to carry the actions forward in the new plan, revise the actions, remove any actions, or add any new relevant strategies and actions. Koenig asked that a visual guide be provided to the workgroups so they can better understand what is expected from them. Laumann clarified that there are no strict guidelines the work groups need to follow.
8. **Resources:** Abeles-Allison reviewed the available resources. Hulstrom stated that she would take the lead to send the land use mapping tool resource to the town clerks and chairpersons to ask for their input.
9. **Comprehensive Planning Calendar:** Nelson reviewed the calendar with the committee. The workgroups will be providing a progress report at the next meeting in February and will be asked to present their strategy/action review in March.

Ray suggested asking for an extension in the grant to allow enough time for public input and to add the topic to the next agenda. Laumann stated that a grant would be possible but is not guaranteed.

10. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM.
11. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Comprehensive Planning Committee, *Chairman Sandstrom* adjourned the meeting at **11:51 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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