

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2020

6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

George calls the November 5, 2020 Planning Commission to order at 6:32 PM

II. ROLL CALL

George-Present

Brydgett-Present

Rob-Present

Don-Present

Kristin-Present

Dan-Present

Dianne-Present

Kim-Present

Ivy-Present

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Rob motions to approve the agenda. Don seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Kristen motions to approve the October 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Brydgett seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Jerry Sellers- short plat approval

- i. Dianne made change to the paperwork. George asks if we are approving the short plat or variance. Dianne says both. The short plat committee approved.
- ii. Kristen asks when did the 1035 lot became 2 lots. Rob said that's the process we are working on. She was confused because the Snohomish County Health District thought it was already two lots. Dianne explains its four lots that were all under one tax parcel. They originally ran a different way. Jerry switch the lots to face North/South rather than East/West. The tax parcel was combined from 4 lots to 2. The Department of Health only has to approve the septic system. There are now two water connections. 1035 Commercial is the old address, it is now 760 and 770 Commercial. Jerry was working only with the county when he was supposed to be working with us. He started to work with both when he was just supposed to work with us. He got the septic's approval prematurely from the Health District because the new lots were not approved and haven't existed yet.

- iii. The variance being considered is the approval is to have zero distance between the two structures. We have done our notification and mailed all the residents within 500 ft. The only person to respond mentioned nothing about the project, and had only said things about the town as a whole. The building inspector has approved according to the plans being
- iv. Rob motions, Brydgett seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

## 2. Chapter 17.20 – wireless communication devices

- i. Darrington Internet Users association approached town about putting in 4 poles so they can do the internet connections for the town of Darrington. They are not going to invest anymore time or money into the project without approval of Town Council. They have a tower on Gold Hill, and leading to town to make to connection possible. The project is moving forward. They are deciding where the poles should be.
- ii. Our attorney realized there is nothing in our municipal code about this and he is researching how we can amend the code. She is looking at others from different cities for inspiration for our new code. Don and George have said there is parts of the examples they have questions about, and didn't like. Dianne said this is just a place for us to start to create our code.
- iii. Kristen asks about making sure flight paths are considered. She also wants to make sure it doesn't require artificial lighting because of our airport. They have been getting help with Jim Hale about the Montague location. George states if we keep the towers short enough, we won't need to include artificial lighting. Don talks about if there is an interference, town shouldn't have to pay for it. Inspections should be paid by the tower owner. Amy states we can include in the application who has to pay for the inspection. Dianne states we still need to create the application. Everyone agrees they like the Stanwood code the best to base ours from. We just need to tweak parts about the airport overlay, and height restrictions. Dianne states to have members send their concerns to her so she can send them off to the attorney next week. Amy wants a public hearing scheduled for December for the new code. Dianne asks if we want it in zoning or in a separate section. She suggests it should start as a stand-alone chapter now to get it out, then we could update and correct the zoning chapter and combine them later. Dianne explains this doesn't need a decision tonight and that it was just to be a discussion about the topic and to touch bases.

## VI. VISITORS

- i. Gary Willis and Amy are present.

## VII. ADJOURN

George adjourns the meeting November 5, 2020 Meeting at 7:15 PM

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George Winters, Chair

ATTEST:

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Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer