

**VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
PLANNING COMMISSION
116 W. Nagonaba St.
Tuesday March 16, 2021
MINUTES**

Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Frerichs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Wessell, Frerichs, Gale, Caudill, Newell, Arbury and Cavendish.

Public Present

Several callers were present via Zoom.

Staff Present

Cindy Edmondson Recording Secretary and Joni Scott Interim Zoning Administrator

Approval of Agenda

March 16, 2021 agenda was approved as amended. Commissioner Newell **Moved**, Commissioner Cavendish **seconded**...Roll call: Yeas 7 Nays 0 **motion carried**.

Approval of Minutes

February 16, 2021 minutes a motion to approve was **Moved by** Commissioner Gale, **Supported by** Commissioner Arbury. Roll call: Yeas 7 Nays 0 **motion carried**.

Correspondence

Chair Frerichs reported she spoke with Wade Trim and they have agreed to send us our files and current maps. She reported that Tim Overdier would be able to use the information to incorporate it into the GIS maps of the Village.

Public Comment

None.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Joni Scott Interim Zoning Administrator reported that she had received several calls about zoning issues but no formal applications have been received at this time.

Village Council Trustees's Report

(See copy of representative's report attached.)

Infrastructure Committee Report

(See attached report.)

Tree Cutting Regulation

Chair Frerichs stated there should be a permit required to clear a piece of land.

Commissioner's Newell and Arbury provided a preliminary plan for tree cutting regulations that would provide residents with guidelines for environmentally sensitive land stewardship along with an educational component that could improve awareness.

Joni Scott pointed out that there is a Village tree policy for the road right of way.

Old Business: Chapters 1, 2 and 3 of the amended Zoning Ordinances

Several changes to these chapters were made and will require a public hearing before presenting to the council for adoption. (See: villageofnorthport.net PC March 24, 2021 Special meeting packet for proposed changes)

A Special one hour meeting was scheduled to address STR survey results at 7PM Wednesday March 24, 2021 motion moved by Commissioner Newell and **seconded** by Commissioner Cavendish. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Susan Ager, Plum Lane agreed with commissioners on their decision not to set a minimum size dwelling for the Village. She also would encourage a tree cutting and accessory setback policy to include current residents if possible.

Kallie Craker, Manitou Trail, brought up the need to thoroughly investigate how to tax an accessory dwelling that is being used as a STR since most STR's are non-homestead it would require a specific way of taxing an accessory building that is being used as a STR and is taxed as a homesteaded dwelling.

Anne Harper, 4th St stated she was disturbed that the survey did not include any factual information. She found the questions to be leading and doesn't feel that more regulation is what is needed but perhaps some sensible nuisance ordinances and also good neighbor policies. Excessive regulation is costly and difficult to enforce.

Commissioner Comments

Chair Frerichs wanted to thank each of the Commissioners for being involved in the process.

Adjournment

Chair Frerichs requested a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Newell **so moved**, Commissioner Wessell **seconded**. Roll call **unanimous**.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Next Meeting – Wednesday March 24, 2021 at 7PM (special PC meeting to review STR questionnaire results)

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Edmondson, Recording Secretary