

# Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

November 13, 2013

## *Plan Commission Members*

Dan Forbes, Chair	Dave Barth
Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair	Sarajane Snyder;
Tom Grygo, Secretary	Lorelei Fuehrer Alternate

## *Public Present*

None

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 P.M. on November 13, 2013 in the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Forbes asked for comments regarding The Town of Little Falls Nonmetallic Mining Operator's License Agreement, received from attorney Paul Kent, Stafford Rosenbaum, as an example of an agreements for the town's consideration.

Wipperfurth asked about the difference between zoning vs. licensing for nonmetallic mining. Forbes said licensing would be the same as a tavern license, it would be reviewed annually and renewed or revoked depending upon compliance with the licensing agreement. Wipperfurth asked if the Wood County road agreement with current frac sand operators in the county applies to town roads. Forbes said he would have to check with Doug Passineau about this.

There was a discussion regarding hours of operation, and SB349 limiting a towns ability to regulate nonmetallic mining. Barth said the town should get something on the books regardless of the pending legislation. Barth also said bonding should be required

Wipperfurth said rather than review the Town of Little Falls licensing agreement we should have Paul Kent draft an agreement specific to the Town of Saratoga; discussion followed.

Motion by Wipperfurth recommending the Town Board retain Paul Kent to draft a nonmetallic mining licensing agreement for the Town of Saratoga, second by Snyder, motion approved 5-0.

Forbes asked for comments regarding a draft letter to all businesses in the Town regarding the recent Sign Ordinance. Fuehrer said before discussing the draft letter she wanted the Plan Commission to review a letter and application from Becker Sign Company for adding lights to an existing sign located at 10220 Highway 13 South. After further review Fuehrer said she would contact Becker for additional information regarding his application.

Grygo said there are no standards in the sign ordinance for reviewing an application for a time extension, beyond the January 1, 2015 ordinance deadline, and the nonconforming use provisions, referred to in section 8.1 are not in the final draft. A discussion followed; there was agreement in addition to a nonconforming/noncompliant or exempt status a sunset date beyond January 1, 2015 should be included in the sign ordinance for existing noncompliant signs.

Motion by Snyder to amend the sign ordinance (*Town Ordinance No. 5-15-13*) to clarify existing noncompliant sign criteria and loss of this status, second by Wipperfurth, motion approved 5-0.

Wipperfurth said he recently received information regarding the Wisconsin groundwater land from The Foster Group, Brookfield, WI and suggested distributing copies to the Town Board and Plan Commission. It was found the information is copywrited. Wipperfurth will check if additional copies are available.

Forbes said he was contacted by Nicholas Glaza, Meadowlark Ln. about building a pond. Forbes advised Mr. Glaza to wait until the spring of 2014 and obtain the necessary state and county permits and then contact the Town.

Forbes said he received a letter from the DNR to Ellis Industries regarding noncompliance with the Wisconsin's Managed Forest Law (MFL). Forbes contacted DNR about this and was told an application for MFL has since been completed by Ellis Industries and approved by DNR.

Forbes said he was considering a buffer ordinance for all clear cuts within the Town. A brief discussion followed.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11 at 6:30 in the Town Hall

Motion by Wipperfurth, to adjourn, second by Snyder, motion approved

Forbes adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM