

MINUTES
WALTON PLAN COMMISSION
Monday May 2, 2016

President Mac Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Walton Town Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Mac Martin, Dick Case, Vincent Beeson, Patti Raderstorf, Rick Lee and Jessica Zehring.

Member absent: Steve Williams and 2 members to be appointed

Staff present: Chris Gaumer and Peggy Dillon

Public in attendance: Stanley Ziolek and Tim Piercy

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Minutes of March 7, 2016 were presented. Mr. Lee motioned to approve as presented. Mr. Beeson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

REPORTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unsafe Property:

107 High Street – Tim Piercy:

Mr. Gaumer stated that the Building Commissioner, Ralph Koppe, inspected this property on April 29th to review the following issues that were to be completed:

- Additional header beams are needed
- The side walls need to be pulled in and anchored
- Work to be completed by April 29th

Mr. Gaumer passed around pictures that were taken showing that a tie down was put on one wall and that is all that was completed.

Mr. Beeson asked if this would pass inspection as a safe structure and Mr. Gaumer stated no. Mr. Piercy, 107 N. High St., stated Ralph told him to get some I Bolts and he did that and then used the ratchet strap to pull the walls together. Mr. Gaumer explained that Mr. Koppe said to use tie backs and metal wire, the ratchet strap is not a permanent fix to the problem.

Mr. Lee stated that in Mr. Koppe's inspection, the structure is not safe.

Mrs. Zehring stated that the ratchet strap is a temporary fix and a permanent fix is needed.

Mr. Gaumer stated that Mr. Koppe said every beam needs to be braced; Mr. Piercy stated that he was told to brace every other one.

Mr. Lee said at some point, something needs to be done and if it is not done, it is unsafe.

Mr. Beeson stated that a tie down strap is temporary and only safe for 30 days, by government military codes.

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Piercy if he is going to do this job as Mr. Koppe explained; finish the job as required in 30 days, June 1, 2016; Mr. Piercy replied yes.

Mr. Lee motioned that if the structure is not completed to the required criteria given by Mr. Koppe, by June 1, 2016, the structure will be torn down by the town.

Mr. Martin asked for further questions or comments, there were none.

Mr. Case seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Conner Sawmill – 300 North Street:

Mr. Lee reported that Tim Middlekauff, Conner Sawmill, has just received the State release and is now able to start construction of the proposed sawdust holding structure.

NEW BUSINESS:

Educational Session:

Mr. Gaumer presented an educational session with the following items:

- What is Planning
- Duties of the Plan Commission
- Duties of the Board of Zoning Appeals
- What is a Comprehensive Plan
- Basic Planning Processes
- Zoning Ordinance
- Developmental Plan Reviews
- Subdivisions

There were no questions asked.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

None.

Mr. Lee explained that the town is now involved in the Blight Elimination Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business to be brought before the Board; the meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM May 2, 2016.



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