

LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 – 5:30PM
LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – LIBBY | NORTH ANNEX VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Michael Hobbs, Chair</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>John Damon</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Ernie Anderson</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Scott Rodich</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Jim Gibson</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Scott Mattheis</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Doug Fryer</u> |

STAFF: Kristin Smith, KMR Consulting; Jesse Haag (remote)

PUBLIC: Approximately 24 members of the public in attendance.

AGENDA

- Meeting called to order
- Approval of August minutes.
- Moen Lakeshore Application (Island Lake) – The applicant was seeking an after-the-fact permit and variance to length for a 350-foot long boardwalk installed across the marsh. The Board members discussed the submittal and its impacts, including the great departure from the Lakeshore Protection Regulations and the precedent it would set. Jesse noted that the county had received an initial complaint from a neighbor who stated that the nesting loons hadn't been seen since the installation of the dock. Scott M. moved to deny the application, require removal of the walkway and impose a fine. Scott R. seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.
- Barrett Lakeshore Application (Island Lake) – This project was nearly identical to Moen. The same discussion ensued. John D. moved to deny the application, require removal of the walkway and impose a fine. Scott R. seconded. MOTION PASSED unanimously.
- Lower Yaak Zoning District Discussion
Chairman Hobbs asked Kristin to guide the Board on the process. Kristin advised the Board of the Commissioners direction and the steps moving forward, which would likely include several meetings to home in on a document that is acceptable to the majority of landowners. Mr. Hobbs noted that this was the beginning of the process. Ms. Smith noted that there is no specific formula that a zoning district must have – there can be just a few provisions or many. She will have some suggestions at the next meeting for addressing some of the concerns raised with the current draft.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Thirteen people provided comments on the proposed zoning document.
- Many folks stated their desire was not to have commercial operations in the neighborhood.
- Mr. Baisden stated that he would not be pursuing relocation Turning Winds to his property that lies within the proposed district boundaries. He suggested keeping the requirements minimal. Several folks raised questions about the need for the zoning suggesting it was micromanaging and controlling.
- Wyatt Franke stated that he thought the proposed zoning is a pro-active initiative not to control but to protect the neighborhood's way of life.

- **NEXT MEETING** – November 21, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm