

**ONEIDA COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING
MARCH 28, 2012 – 1:00 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM #2
ONEIDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
RHINELANDER WI**

Members present: Scott Holewinski
Gary Baier
Billy Fried
Mike Timmons
Dave Hintz

Department staff present: Karl Jennrich, Planning & Zoning Director
Peter S. Wegner, Assistant Zoning Director
Lila Dumar, Secretary

Guests present: Bob Williams
Marcus Nesemann, Northwoods River News

Call to order.

Scott Holewinski, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. Mr. Holewinski noted the agenda was properly posted. All members are present.

Approve the agenda.

Motion by Billy Fried, second by Mike Timmons, to approve the agenda as posted. With all members present voting “aye”, the motion carried.

Public Comments.

None.

Discuss 2011 Senate Bill 472 that was recently passed.

Karl Jennrich, Zoning Director; and Peter Wegner, Assistant Zoning Director, discussed 2011 Senate Bill 472 which was recently passed. At this time, the bill has not been signed by the Governor. After it is signed, the bill will become effective 10 days after publication. Mr. Jennrich is working to determine what effects the bill will have on Oneida County. The bill will allow unlimited maintenance and repair of nonconforming structures. Peter Wegner stated that he has been in contact with the people directly involved with the bill. Mr. Wegner stated that any zoning ordinance that is in conflict with the new law will be unenforceable, which will impact Oneida County's zoning ordinance. Mr. Wegner will discuss with Brian Desmond,

Corporation Counsel, how the Department should handle new permits involving nonconforming structures. Mr. Wegner noted that this bill affects §59.69(10)—nonconforming uses; §60.61 (5e)—general zoning authority; §62.23 (7hb)—city planning and §59.69 (2m)—shoreland zoning language. Mr. Wegner discussed the contradictions within the bill regarding reconstruction of a nonconforming structure. Mr. Wegner has contacted the DNR and legislators for clarification; the DNR is currently interpreting the bill and will be providing guidance.

Dave Hintz commented that Secretary Cathy Stepp suggested that Oneida County proceed and do what it feels is right and to email proposed ordinance changes (even if in conflict with NR 115) directly to her so that she can have it reviewed by the right person. Peter Wegner will follow through with email(s) to Secretary Stepp.

Peter Wegner, Assistant Zoning Director, stated that he is waiting for answers from the DNR and legislators. In the meantime he will meet with Corporation Counsel.

Review revisions to Chapter 9, Section 9 of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance due to changes in NR 115. Staff will present language for the Committee to review.

The Committee and Department staff deliberated the issue of whether or not to proceed with the revisions to Chapter 9 due to the Senate Bills and the upcoming local elections.

Motion by Mike Timmons, second by Billy Fried to table this agenda item to April 12, 2012. With all members voting “aye” the motion carried.

Approve future meeting dates: Regular Meetings - April 4 and April 18. Chapter 9 Meetings April 12 and April 25, 2012.

The proposed meeting dates were confirmed.

Public comments.

None.

Future agenda items.

None.

Adjourn.

1:55 p.m. - Motion by Dave Hintz, second by Mike Timmons to adjourn. With all members voting “aye” the motion carried.

Chairman Scott Holewinski

Karl Jennrich, Planning & Zoning Director