TOWN OF FARMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2015 PREPARED BY: CRYSTAL SBRAGGIA

N8309 STATE ROAD 108 | MINDORO, WISCONSIN 54644 | WWW.CO.LA-CROSSE.WI.US/TOWNOFFARMINGTON

ATTENDEES:

CHAIRMAN: Mike Raabe I COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Joan Dolbier, Paul Lash, Steve Kirchner, Crystal Sbraggia

CATEGORY	TASK / DECISION
Call to Order	The meeting was called order at 7:30 PM in the Farmington Town Hall by Chairman, Mike Raabe
MINUTE REVIEW	Crystal Sbraggia read the minutes from the May 19, 2015 meeting.
	mmsp: Joan / Paul- Motion to approve meeting minutes.
Joshua Walden Crossfire Inc. LAND REZONE REQUEST	The request to rezone (parcel 5-178-1) from exclusive ag to residential was revisited from last month's meeting where it was tabled due to insufficient information.
A request to rezone a donated parcel of land located on AE from Ag to Single Family Residential.	Since the last meeting efforts were made to obtain the most current deed for the parcel to confirm whether or not a restriction had been placed onto it. Mike Raabe explained that he attempted to obtain the document via the county, but they were not able to provide him with the most current deed. Discussion on the history of the parcel took place and the committee voiced their hesitation to approve the rezoning again due to the lack of documentation on restrictions, prior requests and the fact that the parcel does not meet the restrictions set forth by the county wide rezoning initiatives nor the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan.
	The item was tabled for a second time. Mike Raabe suggested that the committee would agree to a special meeting if Mr. Walden could obtain the most current deed from the title company. Mike also plans to further discuss with the county offices the stipulations set on the parcel through the county wide rezoning plan.
	Action : A special meeting will be scheduled before the July 2015 meeting to discuss this request again if the necessary information can be found.
Dave Bartlett LAND REZONE REQUEST	MAHLUM ROAD: Mr. Bartlett presented his plan to sell off 38 acres of his existing 40 acres that is currently zoned agriculture. Currently there is one house that resides on the property along with other buildings. He is requesting that 1.2 acre of the 2 acres that he does not sell be rezoned to residential to allow him and his wife the opportunity to build a single house. The other .8 acres of the acreage he plans to keep will remain agriculture and will not be built upon.
	According to Mr. Bartlett the county confirmed with him that he is able to rezone up to 3% of his land for such use. The Farmington Plan Commission agreed as well that Mr. Bartlett does have the right according to the Comprehensive Plan section 2.1 Land Element Goal A Paragraph C to build one house on the 40 original acres.

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	 mmsp: Paul / Steve: "I make a motion to recommend approval for the rezoning of the 2 acres in question from Exclusive Ag to Rural Residential with the agreement that the other 38 acres will have a deed placed onto it restricting further housing construction. Action: Mr.Bartlett shall take their request to the July Farmington Town Board Meeting as well as the LaCrosse County Zoning Department.
Charles & Beth Willms	Junction Hwy D and Hwy M: Mr. and Mrs. Willms presented their request for variance on a 48'x30' garage that they wish build. The planned structure proves to be 432 sq. ft. larger and 5' taller than allowed by county restrictions (restricted size: 1,008 square feet / 17' high). The proposed garage will be 22' high and 1,440 sq.ft.
	The couple explained the efforts taken over the years to improve their property by already removing two run down structures. They also assured the committee if approved, they would move forward with removing the last remaining grainery. They have downgraded the amount of square footage from the original three buildings by over 4,000 sq ft and their planned garage will be in line with the height of the existing building. Erosion Control has already assessed the situation and provided minor necessary movement.
	mmsp: Mike / Crystal "I make a motion to recommend granting the request for variance per the height and size specifications discussed."
	Action: <i>Mr. and Mrs. Willms shall take their request to the July Farmington</i> <i>Town Board Meeting as well as LaCrosse County Board of Adjustments.</i>
PUBLIC INPUT	PUBLIC INPUT: No public input was given.
MEETING ADJOURNED	mmsp: Mike / Paul Adjourn 8:55pm
	NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 7:30PM ON JULY 21,2015.

Meeting minutes subject to change based on committee approval