

Tropic Town Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Planning Commission Meeting
Held Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

PRESENT: Dennis Pollock, Tracy Johnson, Kent Johnson, Ginger Poteet and Town Clerk Marie Niemann

OTHERS: Nathaniel Steed

CALL TO ORDER: Dennis Pollock

MINUTES APPROVAL: The motion was made by Tracy Johnson to approve the minutes of September 6, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Second by Ginger Poteet – Motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The motion was made by Kent Johnson to approve the agenda. Second by Ginger Poteet – Motion carried.

River Stone Inn & Gallery B&B: Mike & Dixie Burbidge purchased the River Stone Inn Bed & Breakfast from Clay and Rebecca Wagstaff; a change in ownership was submitted for review. Commission discussed the previous issues of the name which included “Inn” though it was a Bed & Breakfast. Commission asked that notification be made to Mike & Dixie that the “Inn” referenced in the name does not change the use of the “B&B” to a “B&B Inn”. A motion was made by Tracy Johnson to recommend the change of ownership to the Town Council for approval. Second by Kent Johnson – Motion carried.

Building Permit ~ Nathaniel Steed: Three items were brought before the Commission for review: property line adjustment/fence, building of a 36 x 50 living-quarters/barn and a 16 x 24 shed. Nathaniel explained they’re selling their home in Henrieville and wanting to build a home in Tropic on the corner of 250 West 200 North, currently there is a single-wide trailer in this location; which eventually will be move once the home is built. Nathaniel and Annie will live in the “barn/living quarters” while the home is built. A residential water/sewer connection will need to be purchased.

A motion was made by Kent Johnson to recommend the property line adjustment with fence, construction of a 16 x 24 shed and the 36 x 50 “barn/living quarters” to the Town Council for approval. Second by Ginger Poteet. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: During meeting with Michael Hansen from Rural Community Consultants on the Town’s General Plan, the creation of or the organization of a “land use authority” or an “appeal authority” board was discussed. Commission approached Mr. Hansen to oversee any appeals the Town may receive; in reply Michael stated he would help. Responding to a call made to Mr. Hansen discussing the matter, a letter was received in which he proposed two strategies using their services; price is \$300 a month or can be adjusted to whatever the needs are.

Commission expressed there is no need to contract with Rural Community Consultants, the number of appeals the Town receives is few to none. Follow up with Mr. Hansen as to the charge on a case by case basis.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Kent Johnson to adjourn. Second by Ginger Poteet – Motion carried

Approved this 3rd day of November 2020
Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk