

MINUTES
TOWN OF VERMONT PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
May 25, 2010 – 7:30 P.M. 4017 CTY JJ

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jim Elleson at 7:30 p.m. Johanna Solms certified the meeting notice was posted at the Black Earth State Bank, Amcore Bank in Mt. Horeb, on the front door of the Town Hall and published in the News Sickle Arrow and Mt. Horeb Mail and on the town website, www.townofvermont.com.

Members present: Jim Elleson, Eric Haugen, Larry Ziemer, Bruce Ellarson, and Johanna Solms.
Absent: Barbara Grenlie, John Brings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Bruce Ellarson seconded by Larry Ziemer and carried 5-0 to approve the agenda as posted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Eric Haugen seconded by Larry Ziemer and carried 5-0 to approve the April 26, 2010, minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR REZONE, HOMESITE AND DRIVEWAY FOR
JOHNSON/MCMURRAY AT 3523 CTY HWY JG

As Johnson & McMurray were not yet ready to present a new engineer plan, this agenda item was postponed.

DISCUSSION OF PDR INQUIRIES FROM J. BERGE AND J. JOHNSON

Jenny Johnson, Rod Johnson's mother, was present along with Rodney and spoke on the history of his property. She believes there was an agreement between Rodney and the town to grant him 3 PDRs in 1995, as a compromise with the five they believed they had. Jo Solms explained the PRIN group's process, chart, and calculations finding no PDR remaining. David Stanfield, present as citizen and PRIN group leader, clarified that there had been changes in county policy and that Johnson could appeal to the county. Jackie Berge recalled that at the time the county overrode the town CLUP in favor of county zoning ordinance. To do another land division Johnsons would have to go to the county for a rezone and CSM and anyone trying to build would need a zoning permit and building permit. Without a PDR the town would not approve it and the county cannot override the town decision now that the CLUP has the power of ordinance and is part of the county ordinances as well. Jo Solms will continue to search for any records of town action at the time.

Moved by Larry Ziemer seconded by Eric Haugen and carried 4-0 to recommend to the town board that after reviewing the Rodney Johnson inquiry as to additional PDRs, according to the current land use plan we would show that there are no PDRs available.

Jackie Berge explained the history and associated paperwork for the parcel in question, for which a CSM was done prior to 1979 adoption of AG-Ex, and Jo Solms explained the PRIN group chart

and calculations based on the current CLUP and reported on discussion of the case with county zoning. The chart needs to be revised with Jackie's help to more accurately reflect the dates and sequence of events.

Moved by Eric Haugen seconded by Larry Ziemer and carried 5-0 to recommend to the town board that upon reviewing the Jackie Berge inquiry as to additional PDRs, according to the current land use plan there are no PDRs available.

CONTINUATION OF WORK ON ORDINANCE REVISIONS AND PLAN COMMISSION POLICY
AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

There was further discussion of the revised driveway ordinance.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be Monday, June 28, 2010, with any site visits on June 26, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Eric Haugen seconded by Larry Ziemer and carried 5-0 to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Johanna Solms
Plan Commission Secretary