

REGULAR MEETING The Norway Area Planning Commission met in Regular Session Wednesday, November 7, 2018 in the Norway City Hall in Conference Room B.

PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE The Committee Members and audience began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL Members present were: L. Bietila, M. Steeno, G. Peterson, A. Kalcec, B. Thorne, and D. Varda

ABSENT M. Skog, R. Milbrath, and P. Kivisaari,

OTHERS PRESENT Others present were: R. Anderson, City Manager; and Austin Kalcec,

APPROVE AGENDA A motion was made by Member M. Steeno, supported by Member B. Thorne, and unanimously approved Agenda for November 7th, with the addition of Site Plan Amendment – Austin Kalcec.

APPROVE MINUTES A motion was made by Member G. Peterson, supported by Member M. Steeno, and unanimously approved minutes of Regular Meeting October 3, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS Site Plan Amendment – Austin Kalcec (new 12 x 20 shed) – The NAPC reviewed a site plan amendment from Austin Kalcec. The amendment was to add a 12x20 shed to the plan. Mr. Kalcec explained that the shed was built off site but was delivered early due to a change in schedule. He brought the request initially to the zoning administrator who reviewed the request and gave initial approval due to its simplicity and the shed being well within the zoning requirements. The Zoning Administrator explained the commission that pursuant to the code, the simple commercial site plan would be considered a class one request which allows the administrator to give a developer approval and then bring to the planning commission for final approval. The Zoning Administrator also did acknowledge that unfortunately a mistake was made to not send the request to the Township Supervisor. That was a mistake by the zoning administrator. The NAPC reviewed the proposed location and dimensions of the shed and agreed that there were no issues with either size or placement.

APPROVE SITE PLAN AMENDMENT
A.KALCEK A motion was made by Member M. Steeno, supported by Member G. Peterson and unanimously approved Site Plan Amendment, Austin Kalcec for a new 12 x 20 shed.

Legal Marijuana Ordinance – The Zoning Administrator provided information to the NAPC regarding the recent election and passage of Proposal 1. He also provided information regarding the city’s intent to opt out of the legal marijuana act and details regarding the opt-out. By opting out the city only can prohibit “facilities” from locating in the city. Facilities are defined in the act. The opt-out does not prohibit a persons right to use marijuana.

Zoning Code Update (TODS) – The Zoning Administrator provided the NAPC with an update regarding a request for the city to pass an ordinance allowing Tourist Oriented Directional Signs (TODS) within the city. TODS are illegal unless a local municipality passes an ordinance allowing them. TODS are off premise business advertising signs intended to give tourists directions to local businesses. Once the city passes this ordinance the zoning code will need some revisions to also account for them.

OLD
BUSINESS

Zoning Code Updates: Norway Area Planning Commission continued discussions on amendments to the Norway Area Zoning Code. The commission reviewed language provided by the zoning administrator with regards to tourist oriented directional signs (TODS).

MEDC-RRC Planning – Information was provided to the Norway Area Planning Commission regarding the MEDC-RC program.

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Norway Area Zoning Compliance Log & County Permits: Reviewed.

CITIZEN
COMMENT

None.

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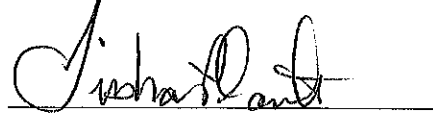
December 5, 2018 at 6:30pm.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by L. Bietila, supported by Member B. Thorne and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.



Leonard Bietila
NAPC Secretary



Attest: Trisha Plante
City Clerk