

Town of Koosharem Planning Commission Public Hearing Minutes
Koosharem Town Council Room
March 7, 2024

Roll Call

Planning Commission Committee: Andrea Larsen, Lisa Jensen, Sackett Ross

Clerk: Kenzie Bagley

Absent Committee Members: Chris McKay, Jill Stewart

Called to Order

Lisa Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Visitors

Brian and Debbie Woolsey, Brock Jackson

Adopting Updated Ordinances:

The Building permit ordinance was discussed. The Building permit checklist was clarified and now states that the accessory building must be located at least 15 feet to the rear of the main dwelling. with a side yard of 5 feet with all drainage to fall on the owner's lot. In section six of the building permit ordinance, it states a building inspector should be arranged by the planning commission to come and investigate or authorize the building permit. Jeff asked why an inspector would be needed. Mayor Torgerson stated that one would only be needed if it was code enforcement. At that point it would have to be addressed by the County. The Planning Commission Committee agreed to remove this from the ordinance.

The previous land use ordinance stated that a duplex building had to be a minimum of 1100 sq ft per family unit with an additional 2000 square feet in one structure. Brock mentioned the "additional" in the sentence made it confusing. This was changed to a minimum of 2000 sq ft total in one multi family structure, as long as it provides a healthy, safe environment for a family to live. This will be addressed by the planning commission and the town council to be agreed upon at a later time.

The Planning Commission is in the process of drafting a short term rental ordinance, addressing what will be allowed for air bnb rentals in Koosharem. Ron Torgerson suggested holding a public survey to see what the people in town think about short term rentals. Andrea stated that short term rental property owners should be required to get a business license if they are making profit off of their property. Sackett agreed. Lisa will work on arranging a public hearing and having the town board members attend to see what thoughts they have.

Adjournment: Andrea Larsen made a motion to adjourn.