

ONOTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September, 9 , 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Brian Mahoney, Fred Ivers, Vicki Ray, Brian Bresette, Michael Tarr, Erin Putvin

Absent: Mark Fisher

Public Present: Joan Johnson, Sarah Kimar, Matthew Leahy, Jamie Houghton, Linda Cork, Kyle Cork, Cindy Christner, Ron Christner, Bill Carmody, Molly Carmody, Annie Haglund, Barbara Anderson, Mary Mahaney, Jason Copeman, Tammy Copeman, Joe O'Leary, Mary Henriksen, Jack Barnes, Nancy Barnes, Ken Burt, Amy Biebel

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion: Michael Tarr

Support: Vicki Ray

Motion carried: 6-0

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 8-12-25 meeting as presented.

Motion: Vicki Ray

Support: Fred Ivers

Motion carried: 6-0

VI. REPORTS

A. Zoning Administrator: Jason McCarthy (absent)

Report Attached

B. Township Board Representative: Brian Bresette

1. Going to purchase property adjacent to the township hall. Discussed title insurance. Forms need to be completed on the Maki side and all will move forward.

2. September 25-26 is the date for the next roll-off.

C. Other Reports

1. Erin Putvin read the minutes from the Short Term Rental Committee meeting.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Brian Mahoney read a letter from Ken Burt.

2. Michael Tarr read a letter from Jerod Biebel

3. Annie Haglund read her letter to the Planning Commission

4. Nancy Barnes read her letter on behalf of the Shelter Bay community aloud.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment was received from:

- Jamie Houghton attended the STR meeting and asked for clarification if a recommendation has been made yet. The answer is no.
- Kyle Cork would like to see a stop to STR in his area.
- Cindy Christner asked if there is an exact count of rentals. There are 37 listings on public domain sites in town development being advertised.
- Jack Barnes commented that STRs are a business.
- Sarah Kimar clarified some misconceptions about the letter written by Bill Carmody, read at a prior meeting.
- Questions were asked about Town Development and the history thereof. TD was established in 1994
- Several discussions revolved around people's perceptions and concerns on STR in Onota Township.
- Many questions from residents were addressed. People were concerned about how to get more information. In response, the Planning Commission invited all residents to attend the meetings of the Township Board and the Planning Commission to stay informed. Planning Commission meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Township Board meetings are every first Monday of the month at 7 pm. All meetings held at the Onota Township Hall.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Dotty was not in attendance.

X. COMMISSION CONCERNS

- A. Brian Mahoney on behalf of the Planning Commission extended his gratitude for the work done by the people on the STR Rental Committee.
- B. Erin Putvin asked if the Commission will look to replace Mark Fisher. Mark Fisher has been absent for several meetings. Brian Bresette will contact Mark.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Michael Tarr
Motion carried: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Putvin
Planning Commission Secretary