

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Cathy Stoddard, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Cecil Swimm
- William Malone (7:20 p.m.)

Absent was member Shaun Hatfield.

- Brad Fulton, Senior Planner
- Karen Dempsey, ICSP Planner
- David Andrews, Development Officer
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by M. Atkinson that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Swimm that the minutes of the last previous meeting held February 17, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MPS/LUB REVIEW

Review of Last Meeting

Some discussion ensued regarding the placement of buffer zones around lakes to protect the water supply for the Municipality. In the Water Study that was previously completed in 2005, only Barrington Lake had been identified as a potential watershed area. Goose Lake had not been included in this identification in any particular watershed.

After some discussion it was the consensus of members that the residents surrounding Goose Lake would most likely wish to have a development buffer around Goose Lake as well.

C.S.I. Residential Zones

Members were informed that the Land Use Survey on Cape Sable Island has not as yet been completed and is still in process. The proposed Residential Zone at The Hawk is being further investigated. It is hoped that a map may be provided at the next meeting indicating where this zone would be located.

Some discussion followed regarding environmentally protected areas for bogs, and mention was made of the required review of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law being initiated within a 5- 10 year period. The Residential Zones that are proposed for Cape Sable Island are not the same as the Residential General Zone in the Barrington/Barrington Passage area. These will be identified as Rural Residential Zones with more stringent restrictions for residential uses only.

Chapter F - Tourism

This chapter will be revised in the Municipal Planning Strategy and included as part of an overall chapter on economic development.

Chapter G - Agriculture and Forestry

This chapter will also be included as a subsection of economic development.

It was indicated that there are now currently three (3) sawmills in the Municipality. Mention will be made of the potential for having berry farms within the Municipality as there has been some interest expressed in these. It was also indicated that the Municipality issues wood cutting permits to local residents at no fee.

Chapter L - Implementation

There was some mention of the notification required for adjacent properties when amendments are being made to the MPS and LUB. These proposed notifications will be included in the new draft documents.

It was the consensus of members that Policy L5 is no longer needed and will be deleted, and in Policy L6 General Restrictions required for amendments will be considered.

Schedule H Uses

The Land Use Survey has not yet been completed for Schedule H, therefore this will be discussed at the next meeting of the committee.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE

The Planning Director's Conference will be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, in Halifax, on May 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2011. It was the consensus of members that the Chair would attend. Arrangements will be made by the District Planning Commission to have her registered for the event.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:08 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 18, 2011.