

BABBITT PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

March 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 by Chairman Lowell Johnson. Present for roll call: Johnson, Gale Edeen, Dave Sherman, & Jim Lassi. Absent: Dave Laine. Also present was Zoning Officer Chris Koivisto and Richard Klinzing.

It was moved by Edeen, seconded by Sherman to approve the minutes of February 7th. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lassi, seconded by Sherman to approve the following additions to the agenda: Permit book update, wetlands report, and zoning ordinance update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Public Hearing for CUP. Chris Koivisto, 47 Ash applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to operate an art studio as a home business. Letters from Richard and Marilyn Klinzing and Faye Wilson were read stating no objection to the business. It was moved by Sherman, seconded by Johnson that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council approves the application. Motion carried.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Lassi, seconded by Sherman that the address for Spectrum's Assisted Living Facility be designated as "1 Central" as recommended by the Babbitt Postmaster. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Koivisto is proceeding with procuring a new permit book that would eliminate the granting of "Building Permits: in favor of "Zoning Permits" as recommended by the State of Minnesota.

Wetlands reporting will be done in the future by Zoning Officer Koivisto. Lassi had been doing this, but it more appropriately belongs with the zoning officer.

Zoning Officer Koivisto will have an update of the Zoning Ordinance available for the April meeting, noting the changes in language from 'building permits' to "zoning permits." A public hearing will then be scheduled.

It was moved by Lassi, seconded by Edeen to adjourn at 2:40. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lassi, Secretary