

Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group

February 9, 2009

Attendees: Tim VanDam, Jim Potts, Brent Sinnema, Bob Urich, Walt Sales, Warren Vaughan, Gail Weidenaar, Carl Vander Molen, Dean Sybesma and Carol Weidenaar.

MEETING INTRODUCTION:

- 1) Walt opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and a voting quorum was present.
- 2) Mark & Jason Kimm and LeRoy Logterman were granted an excused absence.
- 3) The minutes of January 26, 2009 were reviewed by members and approved.
- 4) Gail Weidenaar gave the treasurer's report. We have \$5,000.00 in the checking account. Larry Addink and Gail are working together on the lengthy form for the 1023 non-profit organization. We will qualify for reduced rates.

BUSINESS:

5) Committee Reports

Rural Landowner Committee

Brent reported an early morning meeting took place at Four Corner's Café at 7 a. m on February 9th. A small group attended the meeting yet there was good discussion on density. Using "Springhill Development Rights and Use" as a model, we discussed development rights, family transfers, development rights to cluster, one lot per 160 acres and one lot per 80 acres. We discovered how the possibilities of subdivision; it was more than the group previously thought. We learned rules for clustering and how property had more value. Tim asked if lots have to be adjacent to be clustered and Warren's response was not necessarily. Springhill's Development Rights and Use" has been in affect since 1991. At our next meeting on February 23, 2009 we will be discussing more of the same.

6) Sidewalks & Trails-No report.

7) Website/Newsletter Committee

Tim will call Reese to see if we are ready to go active.

8) Sewer District Committee

Jim Potts has been measuring flows with Jeff Dyksterhouse but the results are not public at this time. DEQ has requested monitoring of wells for a year. Jim will acquire a complete list of those who serve on the sewer board and will try and set up a meeting with them to discuss sewer district policy for the plan.

- 9) Bob Urich attended the Belgrade Planning Board meeting. The DOT is discussing transportation needs on east shore of Jackrabbit Lane, a possible through lane going east and the east interchange from the airport. Warren heard rumors that the state is looking into upgrading Amsterdam Road as part of the stimulus package.
- 10) Warren announced that we need to engage the larger public soon to present the work the committee has done. Additionally, we need to have more input from the fire district and school districts.
- 11) The members divided into two groups to discuss various policies in the town core chapter. This information was passed to Warren and he will compile the information and return with the results at our next meeting.
- 12) We need to get ready to present our planning to the community. Jim and Warren will continue to work with the Sewer Board. Wally and Warren will get in touch with the Fire Department and Brent Sinnema will contact John Fowler on the Amsterdam School Board as our policy statements begin to develop. We also need to reach out to the Homeowners Associations in the area and rural land owners. Brent will look into sending a representative to the Amsterdam School Fling gathering.
- 14) Due to Wally's future commitments on Monday evenings, the ACCPG will meet on Tuesday nights rather than Monday nights until further notice. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 24, 2009 @ AMCH Bank. The large land owners meetings will continue to meet on Monday mornings.
- 15) At 9:10 p.m. Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brent and motion passed.