

GRANITE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Public Monthly Meeting

Courthouse Courtroom

220 N. Sansome Street, Philipsburg

August 1, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Granite County Planning Board Members: A.J. Michnevich President, Gail Leeper, Tom Sanders and John Spaeth

Planning Board Staff: Linda Bouck, Granite County Planning Director

Guests: Elena Gagliano and Jacquie Venard

I: Call to Order

President A.J. Michnevich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board and Staff introduced themselves.

II: Pledge of Allegiance

III. A. & B. Growth Policy –Public Hearing for Addition of Appendix G: Granite County to Invoke Coordination Status to Influence Federal and State Land Use and Recommendation on Amendment

A.J. Michnevich opened the public hearing for the addition of Appendix G: Granite County to Invoke Coordination Status to Influence Federal and State Land Use section of the Growth Policy. He noted no changes have been made to the proposal since the last meeting. He then gave an overview of the public comments to date.

Planning Director Linda Bouck stated no negative comments on the Growth Policy document itself have been submitted at this time.

Comments from the Board were first requested. John Spaeth said he understands the county should be notified of activities with the forest service but questioned how much say the county would have in discussions. He stated he can't see the county going to the Forest Service and telling them what they want done. A.J. Michnevich pointed out it is good for the County to be able to have early input into activities the federal agencies are planning.

Comments from the general public were then requested.

Elena Gagliano said Montana Code Annotated Title 76 states the Growth Policy must consider coordination and it has to be in the Growth Policy. She noted right now the coordination section of the Growth Policy is very vague. The Forest Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) is charged to do the studies and present policy and regulation changes to the Commission. FMAC is there to advise the Commissioners who they have the authority to coordinate with State and Federal agencies.

There being no further public input the public hearing was closed.

Gail Leeper made a motion to the Board of Commissioners recommending adoption of Appendix G: Granite County to Invoke Coordination Status to Influence Federal and State Land Use into the Granite County Growth Policy. John Spaeth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

John Spaeth stated he does believe this section of the growth policy should be critiqued when the Growth Policy opens in 2020.

IV. – Changes to Subdivision Regulations – Agricultural Exemption

Linda Bouck explained the State legislature did make one change to state law regarding the subdivision regulations agricultural exemptions. Changes basically are formalizing a process on how to remove the agricultural exemption status from a parcel. She said the County already follows most of this procedure but it does need to be added to the regulations.

The Board asked the Changes to the Subdivision Regulations – Agricultural Exemption be placed on the September 5th agenda for public hearing and recommendation.

V. Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from June 27, 2019.

John Spaeth made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's April 4, 2019, meeting. Gail Leeper seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

VII. Public Comment

John Spaeth asked about a recent Board of Health decision for Dan Semmens on Moose Lake lots. Linda Bouck gave an overview of the Board of Health action and decision. The Board noted they would like to convey to the Commission the desire to put something on the record to notify potential buyers through a title search that the Moose Lake lots may not be buildable.

Elena Gagliano asked if the County had flood maps. Linda Bouck said the County does have flood maps for mapped areas within Granite County. They are located in the Planning office.

Elena Gagliano asked if the Planning Board was a seven member board. It was noted it is a seven member board with 5 members appointed by the County and 1 member each from Drummond and Philipsburg. She asked if the Board had received information as to who was appointed to the vacant seats on the Planning Board. The Commission has yet to make a determination on this issue.

VI. Miscellaneous

VII. Adjourn

John Spaeth requested to adjourn the meeting. Tom Sanders seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2019.

Minutes approved on September 5, 2019

A.J. Michnevich

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