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Minutes, Zoning Committee – April 07, 2021

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Ritter at 5:30pm
2. **Roll call, establish a quorum:**
Ritter conducted the meeting virtually from Room 4
Committee member also present in Room 4: Cooper
Committee members present remotely via Zoom: Mortag, Schell, Strom, Ebert
Also present in Room 4: Chris Marion, Brian Siekiercznski
3. **Public comments:** None
4. **Discussion/action topics:**
 - a. **Approve minutes of March 3, 2021 meeting:** Motion Schell, second Cooper to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. **Review status of alleged Conditionsl Use Permit and Zoning Permit violations on parcel 24-2520, owner Northwoods Storage, Chris Marion:** Following committee discussion of the Zoning Ordinance in affect at the time of the CUP approval, confirmation that shipping containers are presently considered permitted uses as accessory buildings in all zoning districts, and confirmation from the Zoning Administrator that a Zoning Permit was applied for and issued on March 29, 2021 for the accessory building shipping container, Motion by Cooper, second Mortag that there being no violations of either the 2016 Northwood Storage Conditional Use Permit or any provisions of the current Zoning Ordinance, no further action is needed. Motion passed with four “yes” votes and one abstention.
 - c. **Review draft Chapter 1 provisions pertaining to shipping containers:** Following committee concesus reached at the April meeting that shipping containers should be restricted to the Downtown Business and Community & Highway Business zoning districts as conditional uses, Ritter presented his draft amendments to the Zoning Ordinance consisteing of a definition of storage containers and adding “shipping containers” to the list of Condional uses in thos two disticts. Contrary to Committee conclusions of the previous meeting, a lengthy discussion followed with widely varying opions on whether shipping containers should be regugated and, if so, how? Ritter ultimately requested that each committee member prepare a draft of what they feel the Zoning Ordinance should say about shipping containers and be prepared to discuss their conclusions at the April meeting. All members agreed and no further action was taken.
 - d. **Review DOT proposal to remove setbacks from three Highway 155 parcels:** Ritter explained a verbal request he had received from the Wis DOT concerning a proposal to remove the highway setback from parcels 24-715, 24-715-01 and 24-714-02 on Highway 155. Ritter had anticipated a formal request for Town approval to have been available for Committee review, but since no documentation had yet aprrived, Motion Schell, second Cooper to table until

documentation is received. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- e. **Zoning Administrator updates on past reports:** Still no action taken on a storage shed constructed without a Zoning Permit. Action anticipated before May meeting.
- f. **Zoning Administrator report:**
 - 1. **Review monthly update of Zoning Administrator Permit Activity Log:** Permit activity discussed with no action taken.
 - 2. **Approve monthly Zoning Administrator compensation:** Motion Schell, second Cooper to approve compensation for February 2021 in the amount of \$341.50 and for March in the amount of \$1,947.84. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - 3. **Zoning Administrator new concerns to be discussed at a future meeting:** None
- g. **Committee concerns for future agendas:** None
- h. **Adjourn:** Ritter adjourned meeting at 7:20pm.

Minutes prepared by chairman Ritter