

City of New London
Planning Commission Minutes
Thursday, June 23, 2022

Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 05:15 p.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Bob Besaw, Jason Bessette, Dona Gabert, Mayor Mark Herter (started out in zoom and joined group at 05:28 p.m.) and Jamie Walbruck

Others in attendance: Mapping and Electronic Media Specialist Missy Kempen, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator David Vincent, Balynda Croy, John Haas, Mike Barrington and from the public; Kim Young (owner 715 W. Millard) and Vicki Chambers (1201 Neenah), Eric Fowle (representing Cedar Corporation).

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Besaw at 5:15 pm.

Group participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mayor Herter to “Adopt the Agenda” and seconded by Gabert, carried by all.

The April 28, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gabert and seconded by Walbruck, carried by all.

The Special May 17, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. One correction was made which listed Mike Barrington as a Planning Commission member which was not accurate (he did attend the meeting, however). The change was corrected and a motion was made to accept the minutes by Bessette and seconded by Gabert, carried by all.

The C.S.M. (Certified Survey Map) for the Montgomery street properties was presented by Dave Vincent. There was dialogue and questions which were addressed. Dave Vincent made a recommendation to approve the proposed C.S.M. based on our current Zoning Ordinance. The proposed change will result in a non-conforming lot (currently there are two non-conforming lots). A motion was made by Bessette to approve the C.S.M. and seconded by Walbruck, carried by all.

A zoning request for a fence to be located in a front yard at 327 N. Shawano St. Jay Bessette recalled that a picket fence in the front yard was approved in October 2021. The new proposal would be to allow for chain link fence to run along the south and north property lines in the front yard. No action was taken to approve the proposal.

A zoning request for a fence to be located in a front yard at 715 W. Millard St. The fence would extend past the front of the dwelling approximately 15 feet into the front yard area. The proposed fence would not limit visibility for pedestrian or vehicular traffic and would be located several feet inside the right of way. A motion was made by Walbruck to approve the front yard fence and seconded by Mayor Herter, carried by all.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the Comprehensive Plan which was moderated by Eric Fowle with Cedar Corporation. The results of the S.W.O.T. (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) was reviewed from the previous exercise. Eric also went over Draft #3 Transportation, Draft #5 Agriculture, Natural & Cultural Resources and a draft for the Citizen Survey Questionnaire.

Dave Vincent explained the process to designate the city of New London as the entity to perform Commercial Electrical Inspections. Currently the state is designated to perform this function. Mr. Vincent wants to bring this function in house to allow us to be a full service inspection department. This will financially be better for our citizens as our fees are significantly less than the state of Wisconsin. Kunkel Engineering will be performing these inspections along with inspections they are currently performing including Commercial Building inspections, Plumbing for both commercial and residential and electrical inspections for residential. After some discussion a motion was made by Mayor Herter to notify the state of our intention to designate ourselves for Commercial Electrical Inspection, it was seconded by Bessette and carried by all.

Future agenda items are continuance of Comprehensive Plan project, Code Enforcement activities, Zoning ordinance amendments and a proposal for adopting a new Well-head Protection Plan

A motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Herter, seconded by Gabert, carried by all. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Besaw at approximately 07:02 p.m.

Respectively submitted by David Vincent-Zoning Administrator