

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Building Inspection Ad-Hoc Committee
Held on Monday, January 25, 2021 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given**

1. Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairperson Schreiber
2. Roll Call: Mayor Heier, Joe Last, Al Schreiber (virtually), Sara Perrizo (also as recording secretary)
Jeremy Wusterbarth, Josh Bostedt, Ron Daul
Excused: Mike Rehberg, Kim Bronikowski
Also present: Attorney Calvert
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Daul, seconded by Heier to approve the agenda as presented. M/C
4. Approval of Minutes from 09/28/20 Meeting
Moved by Wusterbarth, seconded by Perrizo to approve the minutes as typed.
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 7 ayes
5. Correspondence/Public Appearances
None.
6. Discussion/Possible Recommendation on:
 - a. Discussion on Allowing Residential Occupancy in Downtown
Schreiber said that the City of Oconto Falls allowed this in their downtown and it had a negative impact there. There would be no parking or green space for the residents of the buildings downtown and this would ruin our business district. Last stated that currently it is a Conditional Use to allow a residence upstairs in a commercial building in the Downtown Commercial zoning district. We have two property owners who have buildings in this district who wish to have the bottom floor of their buildings to be utilized as residential. These buildings would stay as commercial buildings because they would have more than two rental units and therefore they would need State-approved plans, fire inspections, etc. Other municipalities are allowing this because people want to live downtown. If this were allowed, we would have to require that there be two off-street parking spots per unit. Schreiber noted that on-street parking is allowed in the summer months and stated that we already have a parking problem downtown. Wusterbarth noted that many downtown buildings are office space and it is difficult for small retail stores to succeed. He can see both sides of this issue and would like to gather more information from the property owners on Main Street. Heier agreed, stating he doesn't want Main Street to die. Last noted that, at a minimum, the ordinance should be changed to allow residential use in the upstairs of commercial buildings, as that is already happening.

Moved by Wusterbarth, seconded by Heier to change the ordinance to allow upstairs residential use in the Downtown Commercial zoning district, with further discussion to be held on residential use of downstairs units.
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 7 ayes
 - b. Camper Winter Storage on Residential Property
Last noted that the current ordinance states that only one travel trailer is allowed to be parking in an accessory building or rear yard of a residence. In addition, one travel trailer can be parked in the side yard between April 1 and November 1. He sees no reason why we couldn't allow two to be parked in the yard and no reason to restrict the number parked inside of a building.

Moved by Wusterbarth, seconded by Daul to change the maximum number of travel trailers allowed to be parked outside to two and to remove the time frame allowed for parking travel trailers and also remove the maximum number of travel trailers allowed to be parked inside of a building.

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

7 ayes

c. Guidelines for Barn Wedding Venue

Last stated that there is a barn on McDonald Street that is beginning to take reservations for weddings. They will need State-approved engineered plans for this. We have nothing in our ordinance that discusses barn wedding venues. Calvert noted that the zoning for the property on McDonald Street is residential. The committee members will do more research on this and discuss at a future meeting.

7. Adjourn @ 4:06 p.m.

Moved by Heier, seconded by Daul to adjourn.

M/C

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sara J. Perrizo, CPA

Administrator