

## TOWN OF WESTPORT

PLAN COMMISSION - November 9, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room of the Bernard J. Kennedy Administration Building by Van Dinter. Members present: Bowen, Grosskopf, Manering, Robinson, Trotter and Van Dinter. Members absent: Clark. Also attending were: Terry Enge, Bill von Rutenberg, Stacy Amble, and Tom Wilson.

Nobody was present to comment on matters not on the agenda. The minutes of the October 12, 2009 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Grosskopf, second Manering. Enge and Wilson reported on the work of the Park Committee. Bowen reported on the work of the Historic Preservation Committee.

After a presentation and discussion on the Design Review, Sylvan Crossings Entrance Sign, Bluebill Park Drive, Westshire CBRF, Wilson was directed to work with the company and come back to the Commission with a detailed sign proposal to address location issues on a motion by Robinson, second Grosskopf.

After a lengthy presentation by Wilson, questions and discussion, the Rezone (County A1-Ex to CON-Conservancy, Waunakee ETZ), Dane County Shooting Range Property (Easy Street), 120 Acres North of Range Buildings, as presented was recommended for approval with restrictions for no further land division of the property, and no further structures to be allowed on the property except for the current historical marker and any access improvements for that marker, on a motion by Grosskopf, second Robinson, based on the following:

The property is a historic site in that Ella Wheeler Wilcox was raised on the property and wrote some of her early work there, and as indicated by the historical marker on the property approved by the Town and Dane County;

The property is a historic viewshed as one of the few properties in the Town with a clear agricultural property view;

The property is part of Empire Prairie which the DNR and other preservation groups are working to preserve and restore;

The property must be maintained in its present state of only agricultural cultivation, or even less intrusive use, to protect the Dane County Shooting Range (fall zone and necessary protective area);

To prevent more active uses considered by the County, especially an aggregate mine as proposed in Dane County Board Resolution No. 27 (2009), which will degrade the property as it currently exists;

This rezone is consistent with the Westport Comprehensive Plan, and the Westport/Waunakee ETZ Area Comprehensive Plan; and,

The area does not need another aggregate mine since there are already currently six active pits in Waunakee and Westport, and more such uses closely located to this property in Vienna.

Van Dinter and Wilson advised the Commission of work by the Waunakee/Westport Joint Planning Committee and the Middleton/Westport Joint Zoning Committee.

There were no Miscellaneous Matters or Forthcoming Events raised.

Motion to adjourn by Robinson, second Bowen. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mary Manering, Secretary