

# Town of Namakagon

## Comprehensive Planning Commission

### Minutes January 8, 2020

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present: Sarah Boles, Jim Krueger, Mary D'Andrea, and P.C. Rasmussen.

Absent members: Jeff Raether, Abett Icks.

Guest: Clay Burditt

1. **Meeting Notes:** Lacking a quorum, the meeting notes, not Minutes, of Dec. 4, 2019, are tabled until Feb. meeting. The notes were corrected.
2. **Clay Burditt's insights for Emergency Management Plan.**

Clay identified the sensitive roads in the Town that potentially could be closed due to emergencies.

Based on the **2016 flood**, the impassable roads:

**GG** out

**D** one lane

The Namakagon River on **M** was the deciding factor for closures.

M underwater

M east of Namakagon River was partially passable

M west of Namakagon River was ok

Erhman Rd. opened later in the day

Old Grade opened later

Access to Namakagon Sunset, Dam Rd. and north and south roads are a priority in any emergency. (D is county responsibility)

#### **Lessons learned from 2016 Flood:**

- Need to have High Water signs!!! Town visually inspects roads and places the signs, but 2016 signs were taken.
- Jack McGregor notified the emergency medical personal in the county of road closures due to flooding.
- When an emergency is called in to any Town representative, it is necessary to know the nature of the emergency. (Medical? Life threatening? Line down?) **Emergency call issues should be triaged.**

**Snow emergency:** School bus routes are priority for snow removal: Garmisch, Namakagon Sunset, and Frels Rd. are cleared first.

#### **Action considerations:**

- Add note to 2020-2021 FYI sheet: in emergency of down trees, flooding, fires, snow emergency, Call Supervisors. [Call x, y, z for these types of emergencies. Juneks Pt. residents call Jim K. ]
- Include the FYI sheet for Short Term Rentals.
- Continue upsizing culverts and, were useful, add riprap.
- Create a culvert inventory for the Town road crew. An Inventory is key to understanding flooding issues.
- Establish communications with the 4 Towns during an emergency (i.e., status of Pioneer Rd., need for snow removal on specific roads, etc.).
- Insure 2021 construction of Highway M.
- Town crew to continue checking for rodent activity, re., culverts.

- At the next 4 Town Road meeting, consider discussing the importance of Pioneer Rd. access during an emergency. i.e., Can Grandview share road conditions with Namakagon?
- Consider establishing a “Plan B” command center during an emergency: restaurants with generators (Garmisch, 4 Seasons).
- Town road crews are on 24/7 backup during weather issues. Brian comes from Wild River, and Clay comes from Mason. When winds are 35 mi hour, they are checking for downed trees; with +1 inch of rain, they are check roads for flooding. Town resident’s should call 911, and Supervisors and Chairman.
- Need large map (Forestry Damage map) for the Town command center.
- In an emergency, we need to understand which homes will have people in residence for notification and/or assistance.
- During any emergency, open communication between the Town Chairman, Supervisors, and road crew is necessary. Pagers should be understood and used by all Town workers. Pagers cannot be lost, or misplaced.
- Need to update the truck radios.
- Could the tower at Lakewoods be used as a repeater for the Town and road crew?
- For egress, the Town needs to know which residents live on one-way in/out roads. Missionary Point, Juneks Pt., and Crystal Lake Rd., are all one way in/out roads.

#### **Electric Power:**

Bayfield Electric and Xcel line responsibilities often cross. Generally, Highway M, and south is Xcel, north of Highway M is Bayfield Electric.

- Bayfield Electric has an interactive map for outages  
<https://bayfieldelectric.maps.arcgis.com/apps/PublicInformation/index.html?appid=db358c3396524130b71e1b694d013ac6> Call BEC (715) 372-4047 to report an outage.
  - Xcel number for downed power lines: **800-895-1999**. Map for electric outages <https://www.outagemap-xcelenergy.com/outagemap/?state=WI>
3. **New member for Planning Commission** will be announced at next Town Board meeting.

Motion to adjourn, at 10:00, was made by Sarah B., and seconded by Mary D. The next Comprehensive Planning Commission meeting is set for Wednesday Feb. 5, at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Mary D’Andrea