

**TOWN OF TWISP
PLANNING COMMISSION
April 8, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order: Mayor Ing-Moody opened the meeting at 5:01 pm.

Swearing In:

Mayor Ing-Moody swore in Bill Tackman, Mike Port, Donna Keyser and Alison Gillette as new Planning Commissioners for the Town of Twisp.

Attendees: Commissioner Bill Tackman
Commissioner Mike Port
Commissioner Donna Keyser
Commissioner Alison Gillette
Mayor Soo Ing-Moody
Planner Kurt Danison
Council Member Traci Day

Absentee: Chair Vicki Hallowell

Additions: Election of Vice Chair and Alternate

Deletions: None

Minutes: Minutes of February 10, 2015 had previously been approved.

Public comment Period: Up to 3 Minutes

There was no public comment.

Announcements:

There were no announcements at this time.

Old/New Business

Introductions:

The new Commissioners, Mayor Ing-Moody, Planner Danison, and Council Member Day introduced themselves and stated their interests in the Commission.

Mayor Ing-Moody stated her appreciation to the Commissioners for their willingness to be on the Planning Commission. She noted the importance of planning for the future growth of Twisp and that Twisp has new businesses and new building construction under way.

Planner Danison noted that the Planning Commission is first to hear land use applications for long plats and planned developments and conducts public hearing to take comments on those actions. He also stated the importance of long range planning for a community and that the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) contains the goals and policies determined by the citizens of Twisp and the Planning Commissioners.

Goals:

Planner Danison noted that the elements of the Comp Plan are due to be reviewed and revised if necessary. He noted that there are proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance that the Planning Commission will be reviewing also. He also stated that any changes to the Comp Plan or Zoning Ordinance would go to the citizens of Twisp at public meetings for comments.

Timeline:

Planner Danison asked the Commissioners to review the Land Use Element of the Comp Plan and come to the May 13th meeting with any comments and changes they might have for that element.

Election:

Planning Commission Chair Vicki Hallowell will be absent from the Commission for a couple of months and the P/C By-Laws state a vice chair may take on the duties of the chair. The need for an alternate vice chair was discussed.

The floor was open for nominations for a vice chair and alternate vice chair for the Planning Commission.

Motion:

Commissioner Tackman nominated Commissioner Port to be the vice chair of the Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

Commissioner Port nominated Commissioner Gillette to be the alternate vice chair of the Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Training:

Mayor Ing-Moody noted that there is training available for newly elected officials and explained the importance of understanding the legal implications of public service. She and Planner Danison also noted the importance of the appearance of fairness when dealing with public hearings.

Planner Danison noted the value of the Planning Association of Washington and also the Short Course on Planning that has been offered in the Methow Valley in the past.

Action: Secretary Surface will research training opportunities for the Planning Commissioners.

Mayor Ing-Moody closed the meeting at 5:49 pm.

Janie Surface, Secretary

Mike Port, Vice Chair