

**Town of Eatonville  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
305 CENTER STREET WEST**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CO-Chairman Justice** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: **Commissioners** Beach, Bertoia, Craig and Justice. Commissioners Lambert and Miller were excused.  
STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Schaub, Kerri Murphy and Doug Beagle.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**Commissioner Craig** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Commissioner Beach** move to approve the agenda. **Commissioner Bertoia** seconded. All in favor. (AIF)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November 3, 2014. **Commissioner Beach** move to approve. **Commissioner Bertoia** seconded. AIF  
November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – **Commissioner Beach** move to approve. **Commissioner Craig** seconded. AIF  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – **Commissioner Beach** move to approve. **Commissioner Craig** seconded. AIF

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Commissioner Beach** nominated Commissioner Lambert for Chairman in 2015. Seconded by Justice. AIF  
**Commissioner Beach** nominated **Commissioner Justice** as Co-Chairperson in 2015. Seconded by  
**Commissioner Craig**. AIF  
**Commissioner Beach** nominated **Commissioner Craig** as Secretary. Seconded by **Commissioner Bertoia**. AIF

**COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUCEMENTS**

There were no comments from the citizens or commissioners.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Review of Junk Vehicles**

**Town Administrator, Doug Beagle** explained that the commissioners were being asked to review new information that has been provided by the town attorney. The town went to the attorney asking how it could get some teeth in the ordinance to help enforce the code. The code is not insufficient it is just in two different locations. The code being referenced is in Chapter 1.12 and needs to be read in conjunction with Chapter 8.08 when dealing with nuisance violations. Section 8.09.020 describes a junk vehicle. The problem being it must meet 3 out of the 5 violations and some of the violations may only meet 2. Included in the packet is the code for the City of Mukilteo junk vehicles and their list is more extensive than the towns. If you have any questions after you review the material please contact Doug Beagle, Mayor Schaub or Kerri Murphy.

**Mayor Schaub** explained that the town will be utilizing the Dispatch and information to the citizens that this is what the town is focusing on, you have 30 days and then the town will start enforcing nuisances throughout the town. The idea is to educate the citizens first, get people talking about it and hopefully citizens will act on their own within the 30 days.

**Mr. Beagle** said this is a time to do public outreach. We want to hear what the planning commissioners have to say.

**Mayor Schaub** added that another article that will be coming forth is that DOT is going to be changing the speed limits north of town on Meridian at the bridge at Lynch Creek to 40 mph. and then on Meridian South at the shops to Smallwood Park to 30 mph. and as the trail continues to grow and as we do more in Smallwood Park we hope to get the speed limit to 25 mph until you are outside town limits. We want to get it in the newspaper and let people know before they start issuing tickets.

**Commissioner Beach** under our ordinance under definitions, it says in A. "3 of the following criteria". The problem of getting three violations is the way that it's worded. There are 5 examples and all of those under #1, are just one violation the way that is worded. Commissioner Beach suggested that the list be broken out so that it was a list that said each one was a violation. The ordinance would not necessarily have to be re-written you would just have to change the way it says it and easily get your three. Commissioner Beach said he likes the Mukilteo code because it's not just junk vehicles, it nuisances and its junk and it has a definition of junk. He added that we just need to rethink a lot of this instead of breaking new ground. A junk vehicle under state law is three years or older. We need to work on the definition.

**Mr. Beagle** said that the town wants to do this in the most cost effective manner without creating a lot of work for the consultant and to the staff.

**Commissioner Beach** said he does not want to adopt the City of Mukilteo code just exactly the way it is but it has a number of suggestions that could be used. We might find out how effective they have been in enforcing their code. What have been their problems with their code, that would be useful information.

**Mr. Beagle** explained that when a letter is sent and the citizens come in we want to have something we can sink our teeth into. No different than if someone came in and wanted to put a sign up. We can show them the rules and regulations.

**Commissioner Beach** asked if all of these steps were necessary.

**Mr. Beagle** said he checked with the attorney and the town needs to follow these steps and they need to be tracked.

**Commissioner Beach** said he understands that there is a procedure and it has to be followed. He explained that he wanted to know if the steps in place are exceeding that minimal. The way it is written makes it more complex. He asked if we need as much verbiage to get at that.

**Mr. Beagle** said he would ask the question again of the attorney. He added that the town's attorney said per or code, we have to follow these steps.

#### **Comments from citizens.**

**Dee Baublits, 333 N. Washington, Eatonville** – asked what the population of Mukilteo is? It is larger than our town. Big brother is watching over us for so many things. A person's+ home is still their own and they ought to be able to do something with to it. She just wanted to caution the commissioners about that and asked them not to go overboard thing please. Can it depend on whether you have a complaint or not. If a neighbor complains then you act on it. We still have a right to do something's at our home.

#### **There were no staff comments.**

**Commissioner Craig** said he always wondered why we compare ourselves to towns that are so much larger than we are like Fife or Mukilteo. In the code from Mukilteo it has cars that are 3 years or older. He would not like this in the town's ordinance.

**Mayor Schaub** explained that this is from the RCW, its state law.

**Commissioner Craig** said that he knew this but does not agree with that. Most of us are driving vehicles that are over 3 years or older. Just have common sense, if it's missing a windshield and missing a motor...why are these other 5 not included in, why do they have to fall under one (1).

**Mr. Beagle** said it certainly doesn't have to be.

**Commissioner Craig** said that EMC Section 8.09.020 (A) 1 does not make any sense. He agreed with Commissioner Beach.

**Mayor Schaub** said that this is definitely one that we can look at and find out if that is within our right to add those as an additional criteria.

**Commissioner Craig** concurred with Commissioner Beach. It is all said there; it's how they are saying it. Maybe look at rewording it a little.

**Mayor Schaub** felt that having the 3 years or older would allow the town to have it as default and it's per state law.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Beach** motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Commissioner Craig seconded. AIF

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Co-Chairman Justice

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Secretary David Craig

ATTEST:

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Kerri Murphy-Recording Secretary