

TOWN & COUNTY ZONING
ZA Report Dated 3-13-12
2-14-12 to 3-12-12

I. Permit Applications Approved and Issued:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Type/Address</u>
None			

Certified Survey Maps

<u>Name</u>	<u>TPC approve/deny</u>	<u>TB approve/deny</u>	<u>Address</u>
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Osterbauer, Morris	ongoing (preliminary)		South Shore Drive Proposal to reconfigure 2 parcels
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Preliminary version #1 out of three was approved by the TPC

Northern States Bank/Brenna/Michael		2-2-12 (preliminary)	Snowplace Lane Proposal to join three nonconforming lots Into 2 conforming lots
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Preliminary approved by the TPC

Havens	ongoing (preliminary)		Change location of lot lines South Shore Road
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II. Permit Applications in Progress:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Project/ Address</u>
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MIYC	11-20-07	CUP – Warehouse/Boat Storage Fire # 633 Main St
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(CUP not yet issued due to sanitary not in order.)

Geiser, Barb (7 Hearts)	7-25-08	Add/Alter (deck on bunkhouse) 1454 North Shore Road
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(I am taking this off next month's za report since John Spangberg has now retired and it has been 4 years since I requested a solution to the wetland fill placed w/o a permit. As I understand it the sonotubes are still in place in a wetland. I can't direct the property owner to remove them because it may disturb more and that's the jurisdiction of the dnr. I will have to deal with this if there is ever another application on this parcel – hopefully then the dnr will have the wetland specialist position filled.)

Slater/McCue+	1-20-11	SFD 1268 Big Bay Road
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(waiting for shoreland restoration plan per DNR requirements. Per L. Hildebrandt the applicant has two choices, either submit a restoration plan or choose not to disturb the existing buffer – no mow etc. Slater has communicated to L. Hildebrandt that they will make their decision in the spring of 2012 when they want to build.)

Hartzell, Robert

TPC interpretation the Lightkeeper's Lodge parking is in violation of CUP – inadequate spaces by 2 spaces. Letter sent to in December, 2011 and March, 2012.

V. Land Use Permit – No Permit Required:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project/ Address</u>
Denton, Marjorie	sales from tent in C-1 zone (tent needs to meet setbacks). Needs to be re-evaluated by the TPC now that sales may take place out of a trailer. Requires Ashland County and meet setbacks to the ohwm. Letter sent to owner.

VI. Correspondences: Letters/MEMO to

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Re</u>
Craftivity, Inc	2-24	PBrummer 8-31 complaint – courtesy letter re 2-28 TPC agenda item
PBrummer	2-24	8-31 complaint – courtesy letter re 2-28 TPC agenda item
PBrummer	2-28	PI Request filled
Craftivity, Inc	3-5	PI Request filled
Craftivity, Inc	3-5	Notice of TPC decision re interpretation of CUP re “wedding reception” and parking – part of za investigation into 8-31 PBrummer complaint
PBrummer	3-5	Notice of TPC decision re interpretation of CUP Re “wedding reception” and parking – part of za investigation into 8-31 PBrummer complaint
PBrummer	3-5	PI information request filled
MDenton	3-5	TPC interpretation re sales from tent in C-1 zone
RHartzell	3-5	2 nd letter re TPC interp of parking at Lightkeeper's Lodge
TNelson	3-5	PI Request filled (first of 2)

VII. Complaints

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Regarding</u>
None filed in within the time parameters of this report.		

X. New Business

I spoke with Larry Hidebrandt this morning and he will be retiring as of June 1, 2012. Instead of filling the ZA Assistant position the County will be filling his position and hopefully hiring an assistant after that. I am very sad to hear of his retirement. Larry has been a huge part of Island Zoning since the beginning and has always been a joy to work with. He is a mentor of mine in his ability to effectively communicate with property owners and contractors. He is deeply respectful of the environment and the rights of property owners, which can be a difficult balance he made look simple. I sincerely hope the Town Board will extend their deep appreciation for the work he committed to the

Island for almost 4 decades (perhaps having some sort of get-together on the Island in his honor that everyone can come to).

I called Larry this morning wondering what the State is doing with John Spangberg's Water Quality Specialist position. When I call John's office it directs me to another number for the interim. I am very apprehensive about having lost John. He was also very committed to the Island and for decades and was able to come for inspection whenever called. Although he did not need to he was very willing to help property owners with potential projects. Larry said he had not been notified about John's position being posted or filled yet. With spring very quickly on its way I am very glad the Town invested in my wetland delineation training. It will help property owners immensely by managing inspection delays. I don't know if the scope of John's position will be changing either. Is the Town Board interested in sending John Spangberg a letter of appreciation? If so I have his address to send it to and can either draft it or help Patty with it. I feel it's appropriate. If there is a get-together for Larry it would be nice to invite John and possibly make it a joint event.

The email I copied you inviting me to the wetlands meeting on March 20 sounds like it's an outreach to try to make sure wetlands are properly managed on the local level. Although the Town had the foresight to train me ahead of changes, it sounds like wetland identification is going to be the responsibility of local zoning. Wetland regulations at the State level have changed allowing for wetland fill where it was not allowed for several decades. It is more important now to be able to accurately identify wetlands so the fill can be properly mitigated if necessary.

The loss of Larry and John is the loss of almost 80 years of combined history serving the Island. It's staggering and irreplaceable.

XI. Old Business

This month has been consumed by public information requests and getting the revised Zoning Ordinance finalized and distributed. I hope no one minds the liberty I took to include art on the cover. If there is another more appropriate picture please let me know. The image I chose is used on our website and on BBTP plans. I am working on updating all of the application forms to reflect the revised Ordinance. At the 2nd Town Board meeting this month you will be reviewing the Zoning Fee Schedule since there are land uses allowed that never were before (rental of accessory dwellings and tourist rooms etc). The language on the fee schedule will be changing to reflect language in the revised Ordinance as well.

Please don't recycle your Zoning Ordinances with amendments as of 4-22-10 just yet. As we transition we may still need to refer to that document from time to time.

I will be keeping a list of interpretations of the revised Ordinance. Not to be used like the old "Procedural Guidelines" but to be used for historical reference and possible text changes. No one could possibly conceive of all issues/land uses and put together a perfect document. As the Town and property owners put the Ordinance to use there are

undoubtedly going to be proposals and issues that identify where the Ordinance can be strengthened. A Zoning Ordinance is a fluid document that needs to change with the times, one reason the Town Board did not include it in the book of Ordinances for the Town of La Pointe.

Public information requests have taken as much time as putting out the revised Ordinance. Margareta continues to work updating the filing system, but it is a painfully slow process since there are many misfilings and other setbacks. Once the project is completed filling public information requests will be greatly streamlined.