

**CITY OF COHASSET  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVE, COHASSET, MINNESOTA  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Co-Chair Steve Otto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

a. **Voting Members Present:** Josh Casper, John Chell, Johnnie Fulton, Brian Kielpinski, Lois Kirschbaum, and Steve Otto

b. **Absent without Notice:** Steve Brown

c. **Ex-Officio Members Present:** Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle, City Council Liaison Jason Tabaka

d. **Others Present:** None

3. **Review and Approve Agenda**

a. **Additions:** None

b. **Deletions:** None

*A motion was made by Chell/Casper to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. **Resident Input:** None

5. **Review & Approve Planning Commission Minutes of December 3, 2014:** *A motion was made by Fulton/Kielpinski to approve the December 3, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. **Consider recommending that City Council amend the zoning ordinance regarding water oriented ground level patios/decks** – Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle explained there is a “loophole” in the current ordinance which needs to be tightened up. After extensive discussion, it was agreed that Tuttle will obtain more information and bring it to the next meeting regarding:

- a) Prohibiting Water Oriented Accessory Structures (WOAS)
- b) Maximum square footage for combined WOASs
- c) Making changes only within 10.102 (WOAS) so changes don’t apply outside of the Shore Impact Zone (SIZ).
- d) Combined square footages to exclude access paths.
- e) Patios and decks combined within 10.102 (WOAS) only.
- f) Patio/Deck to include materials such as cement, pavers, and composite.
- g) Changing maximum square footage to 400 or 50 percent of Lake Frontage whichever is more restrictive on General Development (GD) and Recreational Development (RD) lakes.
- h) Inviting Erika from the DNR Waters to the next meeting and ask for WOAS language examples from around the state.

7. **FYIs**

a. **Portage Park Campground** – the site plan is complete and the next step is a financial analysis.

b. **Klingman Variance Appeal at City Council Public Hearing** – Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 7:05 p.m.

c. **Boathouse Height Public Hearing** - Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 7:05 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Co-Chair Steve Otto adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Mester, Deputy Clerk

Approved: 3/4/2015