Chairman Willingham called the public hearing to order at 7:01 P.M. Members present were Willingham, Schneider, Mai, Costello and Taylor. Staff Present: CeCe Tesky. The purpose of the hearing is for review and public comment on the proposed changes to the Rusk County Shoreland Ordinance and the Rusk County Private Sewage Ordinance.

Tesky read the notice of public hearing, which was posted per the requirements of a class (2) notice. The town clerks and WI DNR were notified by Certified Mail.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO RUSK COUNTY PRIVATE SEWAGE ORDINANCE

Tesky explained that the changes to the Private Sewage Ordinance were needed because of changes made to Comm 83. Our ordinance has not been updated since 2000 when it was adopted. The Department of Commerce reviewed the changes 30 days prior to the public hearing and recommended additional changes that would make the ordinance more in compliance with Comm 83. This ordinance is the minimum standards as required by statutes and codes.

Section 18(1) states that the county will complete an inventory of all POWTS located within the governmental until jurisdiction by 10/1/2011. This is the final date we need to have it completed by according to Comm 83.255. Rusk County already implements a maintenance program and has 65% of their systems inventoried.

Reporting of inspection, evaluation, maintenance or servicing is normally completed by the pumper/agent, however, the responsibility ultimately lies with the property owner.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO RUSK COUNTY SHORELAND ORDINANCE

Bob Nawrocki asked why the committee needed to make these changes. Are we trying to limit how many people can use the water? Willingham explained that it is more for developers who are creating lots that are not on the water and offering access to the water through a single lot. They could also do access through a public access and there would not be as many restrictions on it. Tesky said that it is a way to limit access so the impacts on the waterway are reduced. The current ordinance permits 1 backlot for every 100’ of frontage and the new language allows 4 lots for every 100’, but does have some more defined restrictions. 30.133 Wis Stats. has additional regulations for lots that have easements to the water. Schneider stated that he would like to see that #2 refer to commercial campgrounds only. Taylor had questions about the conditional use process and what the committee would be looking for. Costello indicated that he felt the language indicated a “one size does not fill all” process. Willingham explained that there may be
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certain situations such as a large campground being adjacent to a proposed access lot and the added impact on the waterway may be potentially harmful. The committee would like to see that storage buildings that meet setbacks be permitted on the access lot, as well as structures such as picnic tables, etc.

Willingham closed the public hearing and adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

CeCe Tesky
Zoning Administrator