

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from 03/24/2026

Meeting Attendees: Wayne, Lori, Fred, Travis, Kat

Absent: Prescott, Dale

Additional Attendees: Andrew Kieter, Kevin Knutson, Tim Wiff, Rich Eggen, Mary Brand, Jason Bamman, Karin Bamman

Meeting called to order 6:30pm

Roll Call-See Attendees above

Meeting was properly noticed

Motion to approve the agenda by Travis and 2nd by Wayne-All approved

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting 1/23/2026: Motion made-Wayne and second by Kat. All approved.

Persons wishing to address the Planning Committee-None noted in advance of the meeting

Discussion:

- Working meeting with Board Discussion
 - Overall, the committee all felt like the meeting was value added and could see the need for more meetings like that in the future.
 - Lori and Fred specifically indicated the need to have them more frequently to keep everyone on the same path.
- Discussion concerning the creation of a road ordinance
 - Rock Elm Ordinance Discussion
 - Why would farmers be made to pay was the question asked by Wayne. The discussion again was around the CAFO would/could not be held responsible for the actions of the truckers.
 - Need to look at doing something to protect against damage to town roads when multiple trucks are hauling 80,000lbs of waste on the roads and damaging roads that have recently been sealed or repaved.
 - We need to remove the fees from the Rock Elm ordinance and reference the fee schedule that should be drafted by the Board,
 - Rock Elm really only addresses large scale hauling. Is there a way to incorporate more than just CAFO's?
 - #2 on page 2 needs to be reworked by the Board
 - The committee then decided it would be prudent to go through the Rock Elm Ordinance line by line and make the changes we believe should be made and pass it on to the Board for further discussion.
 - Revised Rock Elm Ordinance is attached to the meeting minutes.
- Discussion then moved to future meetings dates for 2026
 - Below dates were agreed to by the Planning Committee

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- 4/28
 - 5/26
 - 6/23
 - 7/28
 - 8/25
 - 9/22
 - 10/27
 - 11/TBD
 - 12/TBE
- November and December dates are being left TBD due to holidays and when we may need to meeting to miss the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holydays
- Next meeting agenda was discussed
 - Review All Croix reporting and reconciliation process
 - Robin to provide the current state process on how the town works with All Croix today
 - Next meeting date was established 4/28 at 6:30pm.
- The floor was then opened up for public input
 - Rich Eggen had issues that we were not addressing the garbage trucks that were likely overweight, or anyone hauling for a construction project that was likely overweight in the ordinance
 - Kevin Knutson agreed on not addressing garbage trucks and was concerned that this ordinance would only open up the town to litigation because being able to prove who did what damage would be something that wouldn't be able to be accomplished.
 - Kevin also asked if the residents wanted to smell the smell of the spreading for one day using several trucks or several days using one truck. He thought we would get more complaints over the longer period of time.
 - Mary Brand of the Pierce County Farm Bureau is working with other stakeholders of the roads in Pierce County as well as counties on the east side of Wisconsin that face similar issues (Kewaunee County specifically). She indicated the meetings had just started and they were not open to the public for input but she was working with the group to better understand best practices across the state. The Committee asked her to return to our meeting in April and provide an update on what she had learned over the next month. She agreed to return.
 - Discussion continued over the potential lawsuits etc. The group generally came to the consensus that this wasn't something that was meant to be punitive to our farmers, but we had an obligation to protect the roads we do have and everyone understood. Also, the group was asked for more specific ways to help protect our roads.

Motion by Wayne to Adjourn seconded by Lori-all approved 8:12pm.

