

**TOWN PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023
7:00 PM, CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

Call to Order: Chairman Pazdernik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Crescent Town Hall. The meeting has been properly posted and distributed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Committee members present: Michael Pazdernik, Chair; David Holperin, Secretary; Jim Altenburg, Connie Anderson, Niina Baum, and Jonathan Jacobson.
Absent: Lindsay Novak
Guest: Dennis Lawrence, Principal, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC).

Approval of the agenda: Motion by Anderson, second by Altenburg. Aye: all.
Nay: none

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2022 meeting by Jacobson, second by Holperin. Aye: all. Nay: none.

Discussion/Decision: Town of Crescent Comprehensive Land Use Plan, presentation by Dennis Lawrence.

Mr. Lawrence first gave an overview of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan from the lens of his organization and how they will take the work of our committee and apply their data, profiles, area history, and other pertinent information into a readable, useable initial copy. We reviewed Attachment A provided as part of this evenings agenda and reviewed the layout of the timeframe and duties expected from NCWRPC.

There was a discussion of the type and nature of a local community survey that must take place in the near future. Chair Pazdernik is to be the point person and primary contact for NCWRPC. Our committee should be looking for an initial and preliminary content dump from the NCWRPC from which we could

review and comment. Then, perhaps by May or June there could be a final draft of the plan that could be offered for a survey and to gather a broad response from the community at large. NCWRPC will attempt to craft a preliminary community survey that we can discuss at our next February meeting. We can also prepare to create some awareness as to our progress and begin to engage interest in the process from our constituency. The actual public hearing would be performed by the full town board (not our committee), and that might occur in the June timeframe.

We were then given a “Public Participation Plan” document to use for discussion among the committee members present (also included in tonight’s agenda). This document is derived largely from state statutes that govern our process and procedures. A motion was made by Altenburg to push the proposed Public Participation Plan forward, absent language of “...available at the town hall...”. Second by Jacobson. Aye: all; Nay: none.

A general discussion about the most salient issues of our work to date took place and Mr. Lawrence assessed the information as it was given and asked follow-on questions. As an example, there was discussion of the entranceway to the airport and about the recently-constructed solar farm near Lake Julia.

As we look forward to the next few meetings, it was decided that we would review “Chapter 1: Demographics” as a draft at the next meeting (Feb.) along with the survey information if it is supplied by NCWRPC. Additionally, we need to review Chapter 6 (Economic Development) as it appears that it hasn’t yet been completed to the fullest extent. Jacobson to send prep material by email.

In March we would like to target reviewing drafts of Chapters 2,3,4, and 5.

Next meetings: February 22 and March 22.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Holperin, second by Baum. Aye: all; Nay: none.

Meeting adjourned, 8:31 p.m.