**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, and Jonathan Jacobson.
**Absent:** Connie Anderson, Niina Baum, and Lindsay Novak

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting by Altenburg, second by Jacobson. Aye: all. Nay: none.

**Discussion/Decision: Town of Crescent Comprehensive Land Use Plan:**
The discussion began with a review of Chapter 6, "Economic Development". The committee began by reviewing the definition in the Wisconsin State Statute 66.1001(2)(f) that provides the legal descriptive of what economic development is as pertaining to Wisconsin townships. The committee then spent the next hour developing appropriate goals, objectives, and policies to be included in the draft of our land use plan. These are:

**Goals:**
1. Have a hearing with the Oneida County Economic Development Corp (OCEDC) to determine what their long-term plans are for the area and what, if any, development might be desirable for the Township of Crescent (TofC).
2. Integrate "Economic Development" with our greater goal of a potential re-zoning of the township (see Chap. 7).

3. Determine water and sewer availability and/or options regarding the infrastructure owned by the City of Rhinelander.
4. Encourage the town board to be more open to economic development by reaching out to certain commercial/service industry trade groups for future potential business to be located within the TofC.
5. Work with the airport commission to determine how their facility might enhance business opportunities within the TofC and/or serve as a draw for future businesses.
6. Encourage more home-based business by expanding broadband within the geographic borders of TofC (see Chap. 5, "Communication/Infrastructure").

Objectives:
1. Hold a listening session with the OCEDC.
2. Re-zone TofC and identify areas that would be ideal for future economic development.
3. Work with the Oneida County Airport management to better develop aesthetics, location markers, and general awareness surrounding the airport and gather useful information to promote its usefulness to new businesses.
4. Reach out to industry/service trade organizations to determine if there are opportunities to attract new business to TofC that would be compatible with our greater long-term goals and mission.
5. Pursue expansion of broadband.

Policies:
1. Adapt a new re-zoning plan.
2. Hold a special meeting focused on pursuing new business opportunity for the township.
3. Invite a member of the airport commission to a town board meeting to share their long-term plans and mission.
4. Support the expansion of broadband access per recommendation of Chapter 5 and seek out grants for expansion of broadband services.

The remaining time of the meeting was spent working on our future survey for all TofC residents to participate in. It was determined that the best path forward was to identify primary topics to be presented in this survey, and to limit the number of topics to less than ten. We wanted the survey to focus on those key areas that were of greatest interest to our committee as we worked through the process of creating a land use plan. We agreed to use guidance from our consultants at the  North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Committee (Wausau) for structuring the phraseology of the survey questions. The topics are:

1. **Zoning.**  There are currently no zoning restrictions or zoning types throughout the township, so we would want to focus on resident resistance or support of re-zoning.
2. **Recreation.**  We currently have a lot of trails for both motorized and non-motorized users but many of the trails are not inter-connected.  [For example, you may come to the end of one trail but then to continue in a particular direction, you would need to operate illegally down a state highway or go over private property to get to another trail.]  Additionally, we have recreation facilities, but if we were to develop more user-friendly trails we may find that there should be additional facilities along some popular routes.  We want to determine if residents are users of these trails and facilities, and whether or not it should be a priority of the town board to further add to or enhance these recreational resources.
3. **Broadband.**  We would like to determine the availability (or lack thereof) of broadband access, and the resident perception of the quality of their access.
4. **Tourist Room Housing (TRH).**  We would like to present some data on the recent high growth of this method of providing guest services for visitors to the Northwoods (such as how many homes have been removed from single-family use for the purpose of TRH conversion over a specified period of time) and determine if this trend should continue at the current (or faster) pace.
5. **Temporary Storage units:**  We would like feedback as to whether there should be an ordinance or zoning requirement that these non-conforming structures require visual barriers around them or be placed in

discreet locations on properties (and to define what "visual barriers" and "discreet" would be).

6. **Multi-Family Housing:**  We would be interested in resident feedback as to whether there should be defined areas (zoned) within the township for multi-family housing.

It was suggested that we send the above information to our lead consultant at NCWRPC, Dennis Lawrence, so that he can include this information in the work that they are currently doing for us.  Holperin agreed to do that upon completion of submitting the minutes to the Town Secretary (as soon as possible).

**Adjournment:**  Motion to adjourn made by Holperin, seconded by Altenburg. Ayes: all.  Nays: none.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.