

**TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
TOWN PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022
7:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

Call to Order: Chairman Pazdernik called the meeting to order at 7:17 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. The meeting started later than the posted start date due to technical difficulty bringing in our guest speaker for a ZOOM call.

Committee members present: Michael Pazdernik, Chair; David Holperin, Secretary; Connie Anderson, Jonathan Jacobson, and Lindsay Novak.

Absent: Janet Appling.

Additional attendees: Joel Knutson, Town Chair, and Dennis Lawrence (by remote), associate of North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC)

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Anderson, second by Jacobson. Aye: all, Nay: none

Approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting: Motion by Anderson, second by Jacobson. Aye: all, Nay: none

Discussion of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Dennis Lawrence led this portion of the meeting with an introduction to his agency, of which he is the Executive Director. NCWRPC works in a cooperative fashion with regional townships such as ours to develop a town plan. They can share certain tools, help with guidance, provide support, help with data mining, and help publish the final product. The agency can also assist with merging plan maps with the plan document. He opened the floor for questions.

Would the plan include a zoning model? Answer, it could.

The last plan was from 2007; what has changed? Answer, State Statutes still requires nine chapters and is defined (*WI State Statute 66.1001*). You can have more, but the nine have to be in the plan. Technology is more functional. More towns are taking a harder look at the environment and recreational area use. More.

Are there other good plan models to look at? Answer, Vilas County has recently updated theirs, as have some townships surrounding Minocqua.

What about surveys of the residents by the township? Answer, the first plan may have had more of that, but it isn't relied upon as much as it used to. Sometimes committees prefer to do a rough draft, then present to the township for input and discussion at a well-attended forum.

What about a template? Does your agency have one? Answer, it is best to start with the nine required chapters as a sort of generic format and then you can expand upon it from there depending upon your priorities.

Could we see some samples? Answer, NCWRPC will send some links upon a follow-up request.

How many townships rely on the most recent Census Data? Answer, that is always a good thing to look at. However, our area has a high number of absentee land and home ownership where the owners are counted in a different district location and therefore do not show up in the census data for Crescent.

What effect is there by the surrounding communities? Answer, that is something to take into consideration and there may be some influences. For example, there are shared costs of some resources (i.e. schools, Nicolet, library), there are some common desires for natural resources, etc.

Where do we start? Answer, NCWRPC has a work agreement that must be authorized and signed, we will need to develop a budget, and then we can begin scheduling events. Following the signing of the agreement, some time is

needed to gather data. 8 to 9 months is typical. The first meeting sets the tone and outlines priorities.

When is NCWRPC ready to start? Answer, late spring, early summer. Our local committee needs to continue to meet and outline Goals, Objectives, and Policies per the state statute.

Following Dennis Lawrence signing off from the call, a lengthy discussion followed on how to proceed. A process needs to be developed, meetings will need to have more focus, we may need to look into a grant. Novak agreed to coordinate the next planning meeting with a request that several others bring in laptops. She will take one, or several of the statutes individually and we can begin the process of organizing how we want to go about addressing each one in the new plan. This will be a first attempt to determine the extent of the work we need to do, what we might need to request from NCWRPC in the way of their resources and support, and how long it might take for each session or chapter.

We agree to meet the third Wednesday of February.

Discussion of the Tourist Rooming Houses: Discussion took place regarding possible rules, recommendations, enforcement of potential rules, and a process for developing such issues. Knutson participated in this segment of the meeting. No specific outcomes resulted from the discussion.

Discussion regarding the placement of shipping containers: It was already getting late into the meeting, so this topic was only given a few minutes of time with the outcome that this topic is likely to fall under one of the nine chapter items that are required within our future town plan.

Discussion of the Oneida County Manure Storage Ordinance: No action. Defer to another future meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Holperin; second by Anderson. Aye: all; Nay: none.