

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
October 6, 2021, 5:00 PM

Members Present: Amy Alpine, Greg Fahrman, Dustin Hurtgen, Don Perry, Bob Solberg,
Karen Tomesh

Town Staff Present: Janelle Henning

County Staff Present: None

Members/Staff Absent: None

1 Approve Minutes of the March 11, 2020 and August 11, 2021 Plan Commission Meeting

Motion by Comm'r Fahrman and seconded by Comm'r Solberg to approve the minutes from March 11 and August 11, 2020. Motion passes 6-0

2 Wind Energy Systems

a. Introduction of Existing Town of Washington Ordinances: Property Public Offenses, Vehicle Weight Limits, Street Construction, Driveways

Admin. Henning spoke of the weight of equipment and activity related to wind energy systems and why the Town may want to look at existing ordinances to strengthen them or make sure the current language accounts for wind energy systems. She reviewed current ordinances and their purpose. Commission members asked several questions.

b. Special Newsletter Communication

Town staff did not receive a lot of feedback regarding the Wind Energy article

c. Update on Eau Claire County Ordinance Timeline

The County zoning ordinances update should be completed in February 2022. Discussion regarding adopting the County wind energy ordinance or developing our own. Commission members prefer to adopt the County wind energy ordinance.

d. Public Information Meeting

Plan to hold an informational meeting for Town residents on November 10, 2021; with Rod Eslinger, Eau Claire County Planning & Development Director.

3 Commission Vacancy

Chrm. Perry recommends Andy Madson to the Town Board to replace John Steensland on Plan Commission.

4 Agenda for November 10, 2021

Town Ordinances
Public Informational Meeting

5 Adjournment

Comm'r Tomesh moved to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Attendance: Andy Madson