

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
March 9, 2022, 5:00 PM

Members Present: Amy Alpine, Greg Fahrman, Dustin Hurtgen, Karen Tomesh

Town Staff Present: Janelle Henning

Members/Staff Absent: Andy Madson, Bob Solberg

1 Approve Minutes of the February 9, 2022 Plan Commission Meeting

Motion by Comm'r Fahrman and seconded by Comm'r Alpine to approve the minutes from October 6, 2021. Motion passes 4-0

2 Subdivision Ordinance

Admin. Henning presented background on the platting process and a flow chart of procedures and which entities are involved when a proposal comes to the Town for consideration. The ordinance would incorporate what Eau Claire County does and how the Town fits into that process in regards to recording a plat, and outlines the procedures at the Town level on how to manage the process. With the increase of proposals coming to the Town we are looking at evaluating when trail systems and community septic systems and using uniform criteria and standards for each potential application.

Plan Commission members asked questions.

They plan on making a recommendation to the Town Board in April.

3 Wind Energy

Admin. Henning indicated there have been no inquiries to date for any wind energy farms within the Town of Washington or Eau Claire County. There have been no additional easements filed with the County since September 2021.

The Town Board extended the temporary moratorium to July 15, 2022.

The Plan Commission reviewed and discussed the various options the Town could take.

Comm'r Tomesh moved to recommend to the Town Board at this time to not develop an ordinance and to continue to monitor the wind energy activity with a request to Town Staff to monitor activity and provide recommendations to the Plan Commission on any existing ordinances that may need to be modified or strengthened if and when there is increased activity for a wind energy siting location. Comm'r Alpine seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0

4 Adjournment

Comm'r Fahrman moved to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Attendance: Allen Strey, Barb Strey