

TOWN OF LIND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025
LIND TOWN HALL

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Art Richardson; Colleen McCoy; Steve Gall; Adam Pankow; Brigid Ferkett; Joseph Palello; Kristy Mechelke. A list of others attending are in the roll call book.

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA: Chairman Richardson amended the agenda to include as line item #4 2025 Buildings and Building Regulations. It was moved by Gall, seconded by Ferkett to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried with voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (August 6th, 2024) It was moved by McCoy, seconded by Mechelke to approve August 6th, 2024 Planning Commission minutes as presented. Motion carried with voice vote.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVE CHANGING OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING START TIME FROM 7:00 PM TO 6:00 PM:

It was moved by McCoy, seconded by Mechelke changing the start time of the Planning Commission meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm starting with the May 6th, 2025, meeting. Motion carried with voice vote

DISCUSSION OF SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIR, AND SECRETARY EVERY 3 YEARS PER ORDINANCE #2024-7-8: Discussion on the selection of these offices was explained. The selection of Chairman – Art Richardson; Vice-Chair – Brigid Ferkett; Secretary – Colleen McCoy was selected.

Present at tonight's meeting was Jason Synder and Ryan Brown of the Waupaca County Zoning Department. They assisted in going over the additions and omissions on each of the 6 items Regulations/Chapters/Ordinance and Amendments listed on the agenda to help the Planning Commission and members of the audience present to better understand the changes.

2025 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS: It was moved by McCoy, seconded by Mechelke to recommend the changes as presented on the 2025 Buildings and Building Regulations. Motion carried by voice vote.

2025 ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 34 (DISCUSS/RECOMMENDATIONS): It was moved by Ferkett, seconded by Mechelke to recommend the changes as presented on the 2025 Zoning Ordinance Chapter 34. Motion carried by voice vote.

2025 SHORELAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE: Ryan Brown explained all changes of this ordinance is regulated by the State of Wisconsin and for informational purposes only.

2025 FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 36: Ryan Brown explained all changes of this ordinance is regulated by the State of Wisconsin and for informational purposes only.

The following two topics were discussed in length. The members present had concerns on this being brought up again because the digester was denied by the Town of Lind previously. It was explained Waupaca County Dairy Alliance wants to bypass the townships for approval of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and only have approval of Waupaca County Zoning. There are 19 townships in Waupaca County, and to block this amendment there would have to be a majority of the townships reject this. It was stated not to give up control of the CUP at the township level. Ron Brooks stated the digester is an accessory of the farm. Art Richardson stated it was an accessory of the farm which would have consequences outside of the farm and into the community. Concerns of not being able to regulate what is being hauled into the digester from outside sources.

2024 NOV. – DAIRY ALLIANCE ZONING AMENDMENT (*DISCUSS/RECOMMENDATIONS*)

It was moved by Richardson, seconded by Gall to reject the 2024 Nov. – Dairy Alliance Zoning Amendment.

ANALYSIS OF WAUPACA COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT – DIGESTERS (*DISCUSS/RECOMMENDATIONS*)

It was moved by Richardson, seconded by Gall to reject the 2024 Nov. – Dairy Alliance Zoning Amendment.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 6th, 2025.

Adjournment: It was moved by Ferkett, seconded by Mechelke to adjourn. 7:45 p.m.

Colleen McCoy, Secretary
Planning Commission
Town of Lind