

PORTAGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023 - 2:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance	MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance
TOWNS:			TOWNS:		
Alban	Ray Oksuita	Present	Plover	Jim Garbe	Present
Almond	Michael Copas	Present	Sharon	Bill Gibbs	Absent
Amherst	Brenna Olson	Absent	Stockton	Mike Bronk	Absent
Amherst Alt	Gary Rzentkowski	Present	VILLAGES:		
Belmont	Vacant		Almond	Brian Roehrborn	Absent
Buena Vista	Paul Cieslewicz	Absent	Amherst	Dave Crubaugh	Present
Carson	John Jazdzewski	Present	Amherst Junction	Karen Shulfer	Absent
Dewey	Rhonda Hollfelder	Absent	Junction City	Alex Peden	Present
Dewey Alt	Kathy Girolamo	Present	Nelsonville	Walter Leppen	Present
Eau Pleine	Roger Skrzeczkoski Sr	Absent	Park Ridge	Vacant	
Eau Pleine Alt	Andrew Stashek	Absent	Plover	Dominique Swangstu	Present
Grant	Kathleen Lee	Present	Plover Alt	Adam Dekleyn	Absent
Hull	Dave Wilz	Present	Rosholt	Bob Kurszewski	Absent
Lanark	Bill McKee	Present	Whiting	Dean Curtis	Present
Linwood	Jason Glisczynski	Present	CITY:		
New Hope	Ray Reser	Present	Stevens Point	Eric Southworth	Present
Pine Grove	Jeanette Wilson	Present	Stevens Point	Talin Scheuermann	Present

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Reed, and Kristen Johnson, Planning and Zoning Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Christian Boulanger and Sam Wessel – North Central Wis. Regional Planning Commission, John Pavelski – County Executive

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Glisczynski.

2. PUBLIC NOTICE: *Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.*

3. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2023

A motion was made by Jazdzewski, seconded by Reser, to approve. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: POTENTIAL SURVEY OF PORTAGE COUNTY RESIDENTS

General Discussion:

- Zero public attendance at the meeting and/or input about whether to move forward with the survey.
 - There is always value to a survey like this, there is still time to utilize the information in the plan update.
 - The results will be compiled and brought to the Committee to use as they see fit.
 - Survey will be open/available to the public for 3 weeks.
 - The Planning and Zoning Committee expressed keeping the cost down was a must; therefore, keeping it as an online survey makes it free.
 - A PDF version can be distributed to all municipalities in case someone does not want to complete online.
- This can then be hand delivered or mailed to Kristen Johnson.

Reser made a motion to move forward with considering the survey in collaboration with Planning and Zoning, seconded by Jazdzewski. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Lee moved to accept the survey questions as presented, seconded by McKee.

- #6, define rural area
- Minor tweaks to other questions needed, can that be emailed?
- #11, the fertilizers used on residential properties are the same as agricultural

Lee amended her motion to include members of this Committee to provide feedback to P&Z within the next calendar week, seconded by McKee. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Reser moved to allow the County to move ahead with administering the survey at their discretion, seconded by Garbe. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: CHAPTER 4 – UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Page 79, suggested adding the Stevens Point Tourism and the Portage County Create websites so people can view what activities and music is going on versus listing everything. Wessel asked the Committee to email him any other resources they might know of. Add Buena Vista Wildlife area.
- Page 83 Fire: missing a few fire departments; Hull, Rudolph, and Stockton, and remove Junction City, and Whiting.
- Page 83 Prisons and Jails: rephrase justice center discussion
- Page 85, add Amherst - Tomorrow River School
- Page 80 Drinking water:
 - Rephrase statement to “which rely on groundwater”, removing “primarily”.
 - Remove “Several incorporated communities utilize wellhead protection ordinances.”

Wastewater:

- Reference the updated Stevens Point Urban Area Sewer Service Area Plan
- Add Childcare to the Economic Development section
- Page 87 Objectives:
 - #2 – add “land-use” to the list of things effecting groundwater
 - #3 - remove “volunteer”

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: CHAPTER 5 – TRANSPORTATION

- Page 91 Rail and Roadway Conflicts: add Highway 10 and Highway 66
- Page 102, separate fixed transit and systems for seniors and persons with disabilities
- Page 104 Policies:
 - #3 – change to “motorized and non-motorized”

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is tentatively set for Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5, County Annex.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Reser moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Garbe. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.