

**PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

Call to Order Plan Commission Meeting: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Winker order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Quorum established. Verification of compliance with WI Open Meetings Law.

Also In Attendance: Plan Commission members Tom Bichler, Charlie Parks, Al Poull, Matt Fuller, Brian Schmidt, Dennis Dimmer, Jeremy Risch, Keith Schueller, Secretary Ginger Murphy, and Rick Kania.

Minutes: Motion Bichler/Fuller to approve the August 11, 2021, minutes; motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Rick Kania, SEWRPC, is assisting the town with amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate solar farm provisions. He reviewed the Zoning Ordinance and its relationship with the town's state-certified Farmland Preservation Plan and the method of determining A-1 zoning districts by soil evaluation. He suggested solar farms be allowed in areas with marginal or poor soil evaluations and limit acreage in preferred soil areas. Marginal soil may be found in A-1 zoning districts and would be determined by soil tests. A 5-7 acre solar farm will produce 1 megawatt of energy. Rick reviewed suggested zoning ordinance amendments and potential conditions to be placed on large solar energy systems. These amendments and conditions will be considered by Plan Commission members and discussed further at the next meeting scheduled for October 6, 2021, at 6 pm.

Solicitor Permits: Tom Winker asked members to consider and determine if solicitor permits should be put in place. This will appear on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Murphy, WCMC