

TOWN OF FARMINGTON PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, February 9, 2010
7:30 p.m.

The Chairman, Tom Brindley, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall. Other members of the Plan Commission present were Paul Lash, Roxie Storandt, Mike Raabe, and Steve Kirchner.

Roxie read the minutes from the December 15, 2009 meeting. Mike made a motion to accept the minutes, and Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Alton Manske then addressed the Plan Commission. He had been to La Crosse County Zoning, which had turned down his request for construction of a 30-ft x 50-ft addition to an existing 30-ft x 52-ft detached accessory building due to the fact that in combination with the existing building this would exceed the 1000-sq ft area limit and the maximum 15-ft height limit for said buildings on the 2.118-acre lot. He had an upcoming appeal hearing scheduled. After viewing his proposal, the Town of Farmington Plan Commission recommended approval of this request. The reason for the Plan Commission's approval is that this request was in compliance with the Economic Development, Goal C (Promote rural and home-based business in the Town of Farmington) subheading (a) Town of Farmington's Comprehensive Plan. The goal is, in part, as follows: "Home/small businesses were also identified during the planning process as being important to the town's rural lifestyle. Home/small businesses being described as small home offices, craft outlets, repair businesses, etc. Generally, these businesses can be described as family operated, one to five employees and having a limited visual impact on the community." The full goal can be seen on Page 5-2 of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan 2009-2030, Section 2. Roxie sent an E-mail to La Crosse County Zoning with a copy to the Town Chairman, Mike Hesse, and Town Clerk, Betty Sacia, with this recommendation.

The Plan Commission then reviewed a draft of the Town of Farmington Dog Control Ordinance that Tom had put together. The Town of Farmington Town Board asked the Plan Commission to address this issue due to the fact that a conditional use permit is required by La Crosse County for a Commercial Animal Establishment (kennel). Also, at the current time there are two separate Town of Farmington Dog Ordinances. Tom drafted one ordinance. There are some corrections that need to be made to the draft some of which include stating the correct Wisconsin Statutes, the dog license fee is set by La Crosse County and not the Farmington Town Board, and a word clarification. Tom is also going to do a bit more research before the draft is finalized.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Storandt
Secretary, Plan Commission