

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 15, 2011**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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

Roxie read the minutes from the January 18, 2011 meeting. Paul made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Plan Commission then heard from Paul and Julie Larson regarding their request for a conditional use permit for value added capabilities to their existing dairy at W4260 County Q. They want to include an on-farm milk processing plant. The majority of this milk would be sold to local retailers thus providing a locally produced, superior quality product from animals that are treated humanely and fed natural diets. They will probably also have a self-serve, self pay option available at the site. They are also looking to, in the near future, make and sell yogurt and perhaps down the road provide other farmstead products. They have met with DATCP, DNR and LCS and processes are well underway with no red flags. They have received verbal approval to dispose of plant wastewater into their existing manure lagoons. They are enrolled in a Green Tier 1 level. This is a contract with the DNR to help with cost savings in energy efficiency and waste reduction. This is a formal commitment to a certified environmental management system. They need to be 50 feet from the right of way of County Rd Q; however, County Rd Q has a variable right of way and the Larson's will be hiring a surveyor to make sure they are in compliance with this requirement. They have also talked with the La Crosse County Highway Commissioner regarding driveway issues.

Roxie made a motion the Plan Commission recommend to the Farmington Town Board approval of a conditional use permit for Paul and Julie Larson as they have met with DATCP, DNR and LCS, there are no red flags, and this definitely meets goal B of the Economic Development Element of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan to encourage and assist existing businesses to grow and Goal C to promote rural and home-based businesses in the Town of Farmington. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Roxie seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Storandt  
Secretary, Plan Commission