

TOWN OF FARMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2014
PREPARED BY: CRYSTAL SBAGGIA

N8309 STATE ROAD 108 | MINDORO, WISCONSIN 54644 | WWW.CO.LA-CROSSE.WI.US/TOWNOFFARMINGTON

ATTENDEES:

CHAIRMAN: Mike Raabe | **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Joan Dolbier, Steve Kirchner, Paul Lash
ABSENT: Nan Hoban

CATEGORY	TASK / DECISION
Call to Order	The meeting was called order at 7:30 PM in the Farmington Town Hall by Chairman, Mike Raabe
MINUTE REVIEW	Crystal Sbraggia read the minutes from the January 21, 2014 meeting. mmsp: Joan / Paul <i>Approve minutes with minor spelling adjustments</i>
JEFF GILBERTSON (PRESENT) LAND REZONE REQUEST	<p>Jeff Gilbertson made a correction to his original item listed on the agenda. He noted that he plans to sell 102 acres of the total 157 acres in which he owns. Both existing houses and all buildings that currently reside on the 102 acres will be sold as well. On his remaining 55 acres, Mr. Gilbertson plans to construct one house and one pole shed and is requesting to rezone 3.5 acres of this land in order to do so.</p> <p>Based on the committee's understanding, because the 3.5 acres in question is part of a larger 55 acre Exclusive Agricultural parcel, rezoning should not be necessary as it already adheres to county regulation.</p> <p>mmsp: Steve / Mike: <i>"I move that we recommend a conditional use permit be granted to Jeff Gilbertson for the construction of a house and pole shed onto 3.5 acres of the total 55 acre area in which he plans to maintain possession."</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Jeff Gilbertson's construction plans should be placed onto April Town Board meeting agenda.</i></p>
TIM & BONNY GOODENOUGH (PRESENT) VARIANCE REQUEST	<p>Bonny and Tim Goodenough presented their plans for a future aquaponic farm. In an effort to gain approval for variance on buildings (new and existing) that exceed in size current county regulation, the couple shared details on their business plans, construction needs and placement choices.</p> <p>mmsp: Steve / Joan: <i>"Based on the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Goodenough's plans are in alignment with the Farmington Economic Development Elements Section Goals A & C (listed on 5-1 and 5.2), I move that we recommend approval for variance on new construction of greenhouses and/or buildings up to 18,000 square feet as well existing buildings up to 6,200 square feet."</i></p> <p>Action: <i>The Goodenough aquaponic plan should be placed onto the April Town Board Meeting Agenda for further review and final recommendation.</i></p>

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PUBLIC INPUT / NEXT MEETING	<p>PUBLIC INPUT: Tom Brindley requested that agendas be posted online.</p> <p>This issue has been resolved and the materials will be sent to the county for uploading no later than the Saturday before the next scheduled meeting.</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is planned for April 22, 2014 at 7:30pm.</p>
MEETING ADJOURNED	<p>mmsp: Paul / Joan <i>Adjourn</i></p>

****Meeting minutes subject to change based on committee approval****