

**Village of Roberts & Town of Warren  
Joint Comprehensive Plan Meeting  
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The Village of Roberts/Town of Warren Joint Comprehensive Plan committee met in person and remotely on Wednesday September 21, 2022, at the Town of Warren Hall, 720 112<sup>th</sup> Street, Roberts. Co-Chair Michelle Aho called the properly posted meeting to order at 7:01PM. Members in attendance: Katy Kapaun, Stephanie Lamia, Geno Hanson, Grace Hoyer, Henry Nechville, Michelle Aho and Warren Tracy; absent Patty Kuebker Johnson and Cheryl Johnson. Steve Melby arrived 7:15.

**Approval of Agenda** MOTION (KAUPAN/HOYER) APPROVE AGENDA, MOTION CARRIED.

**Accept Minutes** MOTION(HANSON/KAPAUN) APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 17 JT. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MEETING AFTER REMOVING STEPHANIE LAMIA FROM ATTENDANCE, SHE WAS ABSENT, MOTION CARRIED.

**Transportation discussion – St. Croix County Highway Commissioner Rob Krejci, P. E.**

Rob Krejci explained Hwy 65 is scheduled for construction in 2023. Eightieth Avenue is a potential large project, if the grant is awarded. They maintain Eightieth as a county road, because of the volume. There is currently a bike route on eightieth, Rob is unsure if it will remain after construction. Hanson advised the Warren cost estimate for reconstruction is six million. Rob advised to keep applying for the grants as there are safety issues with all of the curves and hills. Funding priorities focused on eastern Wisconsin Fox Conn. There is another Hwy 65 construction scheduled north of Roberts. He mentioned the growth in our county and sees it continuing. Nechville asked about the driveway moratorium to Hwy 65. Residents need to contact the State Department of Transportation. That moratorium affects the cost of land development. Rob mentioned the railroad crossings. If they want to close a crossing, municipalities can petition. He sees 130<sup>th</sup> Street staying open, and they are looking to close 140<sup>th</sup> Street. This issue will continue in the spring. Hanson gave a brief history of the crossings. The crossing is essential to agricultural transportation as the only road open through the town. Tracy sees future residents divided if that road is closed. Rob Krejci sees active signals on 130<sup>th</sup> Street because of the 2022 fatality. Municipalities have weight when it comes to timing of emergency services, during the crossing hearings. Hanson asked if I-94 is scheduled to widen to three lanes through Baldwin. That project was removed, and he does not see further widening. Hanson told Rob Krejci about 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridges cement breaking off the underside and falling on the pavement below. The bridges are scheduled for replacement in the next five to seven years. Aho asked about expansion of 70<sup>th</sup> Street by the truck stop and future Kwik Trip development. Roberts Engineer, Angie Goodwin, explained the project from memory, no documents were submitted. This is planned in 2023 with the DOT project. The Kwik Trip needs to sign a developer's agreement, Roberts is waiting for road numbers from DOT. Kapaun asked if the project will improve the curve and grade of I-94. Soon the weight station is being rebuilt and modernized. There will also be a mobile scale on Hwy 12, west of the county highway building. There will also be a weight area installed around the Roberts Park and Ride area. The public can look up Northwest Region Highway Depart for state road projects. Rob will approach municipalities about safety areas in the future. Hanson mentioned Warren appreciates the service received from the highway department.

**Review of Existing Plan – Facilities and Transportation Sections** The vendor will help with the details of utilities and community facilities. Hoyer pulled the plan commission minutes with a few of the town related changes. She suggests minor changes to add and remove from the current plan. Tracy mentioned the village growth hinges on the sewer capacity and how it affects

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the downstream discharge. The new plant details will be added to the plan. Kapaun advised the village has no plans to have a moratorium unless the plant is in peril. She briefly explained the lawsuits about Twin Lakes and referred the SEH findings. Hanson mentioned there is interest in using discharge to irrigate areas in the new housing development east of Hwy 65 and explained the measuring data coming off of Twin Lakes. The lake is still at flood stage, but there is still a lot of private land under water. The area is not a designated flood plain, but the SEH study is on the websites and is public information. Stephanie Lamia said potential buyers need information about the flooding. Kapaun confirmed there is no plan to look for an alternate discharge point on Twin Lakes. There are no impact fees collected for stormwater discharge. Developers install stormwater discharge, and the village maintains the systems. Angie Goodwin suggested asking their attorney about impact fees for stormwater projects. Nechville asked about the new developments east of Hwy 65; 260-800 housing units. Rolling Meadows is steadily growing. The village has a building limit of seventy-five residential unit equivalents per year. Aho asked how to compile information to share with future vendors. Kapaun asked if their plan commission will review the comprehensive plan for updates as a standing agenda item.

**Update Request for Proposal – scope of work, establish work sessions (i.e., independent, extension office, public input sessions, etc.)** Nechville explained the planning process used in 2001. Tracy advised they will facilitate the discussions. Kapaun confirmed Northwest Central Regional Planning Committee works this way and know the needs of our area. There are many updates, water contamination, etc. The town plan commission minutes from 2019 have update ideas for Warren's portion. Tracy recommended bring up current concerns and the consultant will come back with recommendations. Kapaun advised the village budgeted \$40,000 for their part of the plan. Tracy wants to talk about sewer limits and future annexations. He recommends increasing the acre minimums fitting a cul-de-sac and planning the lands surrounding the village. Kapaun wants the vendor to review the current plan, collect data from residents. Aho pulled a sample RFP from Reedsburg for comprehensive plan. She would like to meet with other members committee to meet to create a Request for Proposal on the minimum state requirements. Possible special issues: water quality, enhance pedestrian and bike paths, farmland preservation, etc. Hanson mentioned public lands should also be mentioned and the Dora and Barb Rohl lands are private preservation.

**Future Agenda Items** Kapaun looked at different sections, economy and housing could have Bill Rubin Economic Development speak to this committee. Warren should add this to the budget. Aho will update her proposal to send out all members for their review. Members should only reply to the original email, not each other to avoid a walking quorum. Next meeting, October 19 at the Village Hall, request for bid. Tracy would like a large map for reference at these meeting. Homework, read housing and economic development.

MOTION (HOYER/HANSON) ADJOURN 8:56 PM, MOTION CARRIED.

**Deina Shirmer WCPC/Town Clerk-Treasurer**