

**Minutes:**

**Town of Stockton Board Meeting & Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Town Hall, 7252 6th Street, Custer, WI**

**6:30 pm**

1. Town of Stockton Board Meeting and Public Hearing were called to Order by Chairman Mike Bronk at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor Jeanne Dodge, Supervisor Jerry Piesik, and Clerk Lauri Novotny also present. Treasurer Sandra Walters was not present. Representing the Town of Stockton Plan Commission were Cindy Davis, Marie Helminiak, Terry Johnson, Ken Rozek, Ron Wierzba, and Jeff Zygerliche.

Chairman Bronk thanked the audience for attending the meeting. He also asked if there was anyone wishing to testify at the Hearing. No one came forth with issues or concerns.

Chairman Bronk read the Public Notice aloud. He also indicated that copies of the proposed amendments have been available for public viewing.

Chairman Bronk then thanked the Plan Commission members for the work over the past five years. Chairman Bronk provided a brief overview of the proposed Chapter changes to the Town of Stockton Comprehensive Plan as listed below:

**Chapter 1 – Issues and Opportunities**

New language was added to include information about this update, which includes a discussion for using the Planned Development District. Other updates to this chapter consisted primarily of 2010 Census and American Community Survey (ACS) data. The change in data collection methods beginning in 2010 is explained. In essence, the US Census Bureau began to limit the information it collects with the decennial census. More detailed data is now estimated through the ACS, which for Towns and smaller Villages, is completed in 5-year increments. Updates using the 2010 data were made to population change, place of residence, distribution of population in 10-year age groups, population comparison of persons aged 65+, educational attainment, household type, income, poverty, and employment by industry tables.

**Chapter 2 – Housing**

Just as with Chapter 1, many of the updates made to the Housing chapter centered on new Census and ACS data. Updates were made to the housing occupancy, housing age, single-family residential building permits, housing structural characteristics, housing value, and housing affordability tables.

**Chapter 3 – Transportation**

Average daily traffic counts were provided for a number of roadways within the Town. Wisconsin Act 377, relating to the operation of agricultural vehicles on highway, was noted. Special note was also made regarding the status of the US HWY 10 Corridor Preservation Plan. New language was added for the Portage County Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, including recommendations for improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the Town.

**Chapter 4 - Utilities and Community Facilities**

This chapter was updated to reflect local changes in solid waste and recycling, fire, rescue, and EMS, schools, parks, and health care facilities.

**Chapter 5 – Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources**

Two new sections were added to discuss diversity of agriculture in the Town, and to provide some conclusions that were drawn from several meetings where major issues or concerns related to farming were discussed. Information describing some of the legislative influences on agriculture, particularly the Right to Farm Act and the new Implements of Husbandry Act were also added.

## **Chapter 6 – Economic Development**

Once again, 2010 Census and ACS data was used to update tables throughout the Chapter including mean earnings and income, per capita income, employment status, and employment by occupation. Revisions were also made to economic development resources available at the federal, state and local levels.

## **Chapter 7 – Intergovernmental Cooperation**

This Chapter was largely left untouched as little has changed. The most notable addition was mentioning that the City of Stevens Point and the Village of Plover began the process of updating their comprehensive plans in 2014.

## **Chapter 8 – Land Use**

The Plan Commission reviewed and updated the Existing Land Use map to paint a more accurate picture of current uses of the land within the Town. For consistency across the County, a new existing land use category for Water was added. Changes were then made to both the Parks and Recreation, and Undeveloped/Vacant land use categories to exclude waterbodies from their descriptions. It was also decided to allow the A20 Primary Agriculture zoning district as an option within the Town. The district will be compatible with lands designated for the L1, L2 and L3 future land use categories.

Perhaps, the most significant change within the Chapter is related to the decision to utilize the Planned Development zoning district. Language was inserted to provide a focal point for the Town's rationale for allowing/encouraging use of the new PD Zoning District in Stockton.

## **Chapter 9 – Implementation**

Information regarding the current update to the Comprehensive Plan was added. Table 9.1 *Town of Stockton Zoning / Land Use Plan Compatibility* was updated to reflect the addition of the A20 Primary Agriculture zoning district. Lastly, new language was added to reference use of the Planned Development zoning district.

Chairman Bronk then inquired as to whether there were any questions or concerns from the audience and/or Board Members. No one came forth with questions or concerns. Clerk Novotny indicated that she had not received any correspondence and/or phone calls from constituents regarding tonight's meeting.

Plan Commission Chair Person, Cindy Davis, provided a brief summary of the remainder of the process of finalizing the updates to the Town of Stockton Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Davis will work closely with Kristen at the County to move the Ordinance to the Planning & Zoning Committee at Portage County and then to the County Board. The draft will then be turned in to a final copy.

Chairman Bronk expressed his gratefulness to Ms. Davis for her attention to detail in this whole process. He stated that we're very fortunate to have her and greatly appreciate all of her hard work and dedication.

Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to close the Public Hearing. Roll Call Vote: Supervisors Jerry Piesik aye, Supervisor Jeanne Dodge aye and Chairman Mike Bronk, aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to adopt the Ordinance amending the 2006 Town of Stockton Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to adjourn at 6:30 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Lauri Novotny, Town Clerk

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