

TOWN OF RICHFORD PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, April 7, 2025
5:00 PM @ the Richford Town Hall
W11127 Cumberland Road, Coloma WI 54930

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting April 15, 2024
4. Review terms of office for members of the Town Planning Commission and make recommendations to the Town Board (Mark Schumacher's term is up and eligible for re-appointment by the Town Board. Dave Paulus Jr has been appointed by the Town Board to fulfil the seat let vacant by Mike McLay)
Current Terms
Trace Frost – 2027
Delores Bruch – 2026
Vacant – 2027
Robert Wedell – 2026
Mark Schumacher- 2025
5. Election of Officers
6. Tim Borud, UW Extension Community Development Educator
7. Discussion on proposed updates and amendments to the Town Land Use Plan and recommendations to the Town Board
8. Other business
9. Set next meeting date
10. Adjourn

Dated this 8th day of March 2025

Meeting notice posted or published as follows: Johann's Bar and Grill LLC, The Rusty Nail LLC. Richford Town Hall, townofrichfordwi.gov



Julia Staehler, Town Clerk

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Monday, April 15, 2024

5:00 PM

Richford Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Schumacher at 5:00 PM.

Present were: Mark Schumacher, Mike McLay, Robert Wedell, Trace Frost, Delores Bruch, Carolyn Flyte, Dave Paulus, and Julia Staehler.

Motion by Robert Wedell, second by Mike McLay to approve the agenda for tonight and minutes from the April 3, 2023 meeting. Motion Carried.

Mark welcomed Trace Frost to the Town of Richford Planning Commission. Trace Frost is replacing Robert Semrow. Chairperson Mark Schumacher gave a brief update stating that Waushara County decided to not renew their membership with the Planning Commission. Mark strongly advised that we continue to meet once a year update any changes to the plan and have special meetings as needed if there is a change. Our plan was amended in October 2021 and technically is good for ten years.

Motion Robert Wedell, second by Mark Schumacher to nominate Trace Frost and Mike McLay for three-year terms.

Motion by Robert Wedell, second by Mark Schumacher to recommend to the Town of Richford Town Board Trace Frost and Mike McLay for three-year terms to expire in 2027. Motion carried.

Terms:

- Trace Frost– 2024 new term expires in 2027**
- Delores Bruch – 2023 new term expires in 2026**
- Mike McLay – 2024 new term expires in 2027**
- Robert Wedell – 2023 new term expires in 2026**
- Mark Schumacher – 2022 New term expires in 2025**

Election of Officers for the Town of Richford Planning Commission.

Motion by Trace Frost, second by Robert Wedell to nominate Mark Schumacher for Chairperson position. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike McLay, second by Robert Wedell to nominate Trace Frost as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Schumacher, second by Trace Frost to nominate Delores Bruch as Secretary. Motion carried.

Mark contacted Todd Wahler of the Waushara County Zoning Department. UW Extension is proposing to reestablish a position to work with Land Use Planning. The County disenfranchised themselves from Land Use Planning, so there is not a lot of state or county guidance available.

Specific Land Uses that are exempt from local control are Cell Towers, CAFO's-Large animal farms. Large wind turbines and solar farms over 100 megawatts are regulated by the Public Service Commission and exempted from local permitting.

Carolyn Flyte, Flyte Family Farms LLC/Flyte Field Stones is looking to get a zone change for 2.24 acres. Motion by Mike McLay, second by Trace Frost to recommend to the Town Board the zone change. Motion carried.

Act 73 and alcohol licensing. Not an issue for the Planning Commission to act on. Town Board would issue the license. Planning Commission would only be involved if a zone change was requested.

Mark Schumacher recommends that the Planning Commission meet once a year to review the plan and make recommendations to the Town Board if changes are needed. Our plan was adopted October 12, 2009. Since then there have been two changes to the plan. Adopted and incorporated the Curtis Lake Plan criteria into our plan and Signage along Highway 21.

Our plan encourages home based business and commercial activities as Flyte Family Farms and the Amish Coloma Lumber Yard located along Highway 21.

Discussion of lithium batteries in vehicles, etc. Mike McLay suggested that it may be a good idea for municipalities such as Richford who do not have fire departments put Lithium battery storage units into a municipality with a fire department. No further discussion on this item.

Mike McLay also mentioned information that he had about solar farms where there is extreme damage from weather.

Robert Wedell mentioned the migrant housing facility on County B. The land is zoned agriculture, so there is nothing that can be done about the situation.

Mark Schumacher will attend the Town of Richford Board meeting tonight and propose that Trace Frost and Mike McLay's terms be set as recommended by the Planning Commission. The zoning change is recommended for the Flight Family Farms/Flyte Fieldstones to re-zone 2.24 acres.

Mark Schumacher will attend the Town Board meeting tonight and report that there are no change recommendations to the Town of Richford Land Use Plan which was adopted October 12, 2009.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:00 pm prior to the Town Board meeting. Should the Town Board desire to have the Planning Commission meet prior to Monday, April 7, 2025, the Planning Commission will meet per their recommendation.

Motion by Trace Frost, second by Mike McLay to adjourn. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Notes submitted by Delores Bruch, Secretary