

Town of Farmington Plan Commission Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 9:00am
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Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:01am. Plan Commission Chair Robert Karpinski presided. The opening statement was given. Notices were properly published and posted.

Open Meeting Statement: This meeting and all meetings of this Town Plan Commission are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, so the citizens may be aware of the time, place, and agenda of this meeting.

Roll Call: Robert Karpinski, Chair; Craig Nelson, Town Board; Thomas Hanson, Commission Member; Dennis Trinrud, Commission Member; Steve Rawson, Commission Member; Anjela Hamm, Commission Secretary.

Richard Kasza, Vice Chair was absent.

Alison Dunham, Commission Member was absent.

Approve Agenda: A motion by Thomas Hansen, seconded by Craig Nelson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Approve Minutes from February 4, 2026, Plan Commission Meeting: A motion by Craig Nelson, seconded by Dennis Trinrud, to approve the Minutes from February 4, 2026, Plan Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

New Business:

- 1. Review and approve Resolution No. 2026-1 Approving an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.** Clerk explained that this item was incorrectly denied at previous meeting. The commission clarified that comprehensive plan amendments require an accompanying resolution, while zoning amendments do not. The item was presented to correct the prior procedural error. A motion by Steve Rawson, seconded by Thomas Hansen, to approve Resolution No. 2026-1 Approving an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

- 2. Review and provide feedback on the proposed revisions to the County Planning and Zoning Ordinances.** The chairperson explained the item was informational only, as the commission has no authority over county ordinance revisions. Any feedback will be submitted through the meeting minutes. Commissioners reviewed the ordinance updates highlighted in blue, which reflected changes made after a joint meeting with the highway department. Notable updates included a new definition for data centers and a requirement for digester operators to notify the county within five business days of testing.

Discussion focused on large-scale solar projects, with commissioners expressing concern over limited town control, as these projects only require county approval.

Questions were raised about long-term cleanup and who would be responsible after the lifespan of the installations. Commissioners also discussed a large solar project near Plover, noting concerns about the loss of agricultural use, including the capping of irrigation wells and uncertainty around future well permitting once panels are removed. Additional concerns included traffic impacts from solar developments and the potential need to designate routes to limit disruption to residential areas. The discussion also touched on agrovoltaics and the challenges of operating farm equipment around solar arrays. While commissioners acknowledged the financial incentives for landowners, they expressed ongoing concerns about the long-term impact on farmland and the environment. No specific feedback was identified beyond the concerns discussed.

- 3. New Business from the Floor.** None.

Adjournment: A motion by Craig Nelson, seconded by Dennis Trinrud, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18am. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

**Submitted by,
Anjela Hamm – Town Clerk**