

Town of Verona
Natural and Recreational Areas Committee Minutes
Town of Verona meeting
2-21-23

Present: Bill Keen, Jo Tucker, Rosemary Bodolay, Dave Lonsdorf, Kirk Feller

Chair Keen called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

Approval of Agenda- Motion to approve by Lonsdorf, Second Feller, passed 5-0

Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2023: Motion to approve minutes by Bodolay, Second Tucker, passed 5-0

Public Comments-None

Update from Chair/ Members: Keen stated that Gaskell would like NRAC to make changes to the maps and she would be presenting updates for the wording in the plan by the March NRAC meeting. Tucker pointed out that members could also make their recommendations to the wording in the plan.

Update from Board Member: Lonsdorf explained the latest information regarding Badger Mill Creek (BMC). Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) is stopping the flow to BMC and looking at how it affects the creek. Lonsdorf pointed out the Friends of BMC are asking people who live along the creek to submit photos of the lowered water level and to submit what effects they are seeing. Lonsdorf also stated that he asked the town board to create a resolution stating that MMSD should not completely shut off the flow to BMC. This will be on the next town board meeting agenda.

Educational Programs: Lonsdorf has received a commitment from Kathy Kuntz of the Dane County office of energy and climate change to speak. Tucker is waiting on contact from a Focus on Energy speaker. The two speakers would talk about energy savings and rebates available to citizens.

Points of Interest: Bodolay and Tucker worked on a web page and Bodolay presented a shortened version of what the page may look like. A page would include pictures of the sites (roughly 9), map with roads to show locations, small description of the site, allowed uses and links to sites with more detailed information about each site. The web page sample will be presented to Geller and Gaskell for their thoughts and approval. Costs may be determined after approval before proceeding.

Incentives: Lonsdorf presented ideas for incentivizing visiting the sites. The Verona area chamber of commerce may be able to assist in helping purchase patches, pins or stickers, all of which were looked at as rewards.

Next meeting will be March 14 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Bodolay, Second by Feller, Passed 5-0 at 7:35p.m.