

Town of Verona
Natural and Recreational Areas Committee Minutes
Town of Verona meeting
3-14-23

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

Chair Keen called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM

Approval of Agenda- Motion to approve by Bodolay, Second Tucker, passed 5-0

Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2023: Motion to approve minutes by Lonsdorf, Second Feller, passed 5-0

Public Comments-None

Update from Chair/ Members: Bodolay announced that she will be moving out of state and will be resigning. April will be her last meeting.

Update from Board Member: Lonsdorf explained that the town board passed a resolution regarding phosphorus and water, to request from Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) to not reduce the water flow in Badger Mill Creek. MMSD will be making decisions on what direction they will be taking in the next two months.

Educational Programs: Kathy Kuntz of the Dane County office of energy and climate change along with Chad Haibly from Focus on Energy, will speak on March 21 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. The two speakers will talk about energy savings and rebates available to citizens. Discussion followed about where to have the announcements made for forums, to have sign in sheets, greeters, making sure audio/visual equipment is set up, who to moderate (Lonsdorf or Geller), time for each speaker roughly 20 min, questions after both have spoken, cookies and drinks, clean up will be by staff, having those attending give thoughts on what should be next, what to name this forum (Sustainability).

Points of Interest: Bodolay presented a 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. Creating a web page was approved and NRAC will need to provide all the info. Two different formats were presented. Bodolay will send out pdf's and members will edit and add info for the page on the town website. The town prairie and Davidson house would be added features.

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. A patch design is still needed and a check off page is to be created to have participants sign off and get a reward of a patch or button.

Next meeting will be April 18 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Bodolay, Second by Lonsdorf, Passed 5-0 at 6:45 p.m.