



Town of Vienna Web Site Address: www.viennawi.gov

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Amending the Town of Vienna Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Vienna has completed a draft amendment to the Town of Vienna Comprehensive Plan.

A comprehensive plan is a statutory requirement for each municipality to outline goals, objectives and policies for the future. An update is required every 10 years and this is the first update since 2012. For more information, including all maps and the full text of the plan, go to the Dane County Website and or type in the following link: <https://danecountyplanning.com/Town-of-Vienna-Plan-Update>

The Town Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 29, 2025 at 7:00pm at Vienna Town Hall, 7161 County Highway I, DeForest, WI**. Your feedback on the document is welcome.

Please return any written comments concerning the plan amendment to kodl.curt@danecounty.gov by that date. Please feel free to contact me at (608)266-4183 or by email at kodl.curt@danecounty.gov with any questions, or if you would like to receive any of these materials in an alternate format. You may also send you comments to Kathy Clark at clerk@viennawi.gov. Please remember this updated draft does not include consideration of the proposed data center. It is the first updated draft of the 2012 plan, which does contain newer policies for land use, land splits and future development.

Waunakee Gun Club

The Waunakee Gun Club, located at 6680 Ripp Road in our Town in Vienna, is hosting their 29th Annual Duck Flurry on September 6th and 7th. This event is designed to prepare hunters for duck season. The club works with DNR to host the "Learn to Shoot" event later in September. This club is open to the public and offers shooting courses. If your interested in attending these events or others offered, you can go on their website www.wgcsportingclay.com

Yahara Riverfest

Mark your calendars for the annual Yahara Riverfest held on September 6th, 2025 from Noon to 4:00pm at Conservancy Commons Park, 6822 Yellowwood Lane. There will be live entertainment, fishing games, pumpkin decorating, face painting and more! Wagon rides are back and the Rubber Duck Race is at 3pm. This event is FREE to attend. Food carts will be lined up, including local restaurants, for purchases on site.

September Brush Site Hours

The brush site will be open on the following dates and times. Saturday, September 6th, 9AM to 2PM; Wednesday, September 10th, 4PM to 7PM. On Saturday, September 20th, 9AM to 2PM; Wednesday, September 24th 4PM to 7PM. The brush key is always available during regular office hours during the week. It can be found in the entrance way with a sign out sheet. A key can be checked out for special projects, just ask the office about this.

Back to School Time

It is that time of year when school begins for the new year. The town of Vienna has four school districts, DeForest, Waunakee, Lodi and Poynette. In addition to the buses on the road now, after school events are also going on. The kids now ride scooters and electric bikes on the roads to get to and from events. Please use a little extra caution when driving the rural roads, especially in the populated areas.

Thanks Public Works Department

A special thanks to the Public Works crew, Scott Benson and Billy Newman for all their hard work. They keep our roads safe by road trimming and shouldering each year, roads plowed during a snow storm and both the town sewer systems maintained. They also maintain town equipment, buildings and parks, keeping trees trimmed and play areas clean. We appreciate all they do and hope you do as well.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes Monday, August 4, 2025

The regular town board meeting was called to order on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Amanda Nickel, Dakota Cable, Gary Endres and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present were 15 neighbors and residents. Sign in sheet will attach to minutes. Supervisor Meinholz was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Roth noted a typo in the minutes. Clark will correct the minutes to read: "this will not ONLY affect the town" to add the word "only" to her statement quoted from the last meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Nickel, second by Cable to approve the minutes as corrected for July 21, 2025, Town Board meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion and possible action on timeline for Comprehensive Plan approved July 21, 2025: Clark explained that the Comprehensive Plan will go back to the Plan commission August 11th to adopt by Resolution as instructed by State Statute. After that, the board will review the resolution and plan at the next board meeting. No action was required.

Discussion and possible action on Cornerstone Community Center Update: Clark presented a power point presentation sent to the municipalities contracted with the community center. This provided an annual report based on the 2024 audit in addition to the current budget and preparation for the 2026 budget. The center is still looking into independent "non-profit" organization. No action was required.

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Amanda Nickels' meeting with Cornerstone Community Center is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12th. Supervisor Cable meeting with Waunakee EMS is scheduled for Thursday, August 14th. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, August 25th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire is scheduled for Monday, August 25th.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark explained Chip sealing start date was moved to mid-August to complete. Also, as seen in the Newspaper last week, a new development may take place along N. Madison corridor and Easy St. A proposal has been made to the Village of Waunakee for annexation of the land. No further information has been given to the town. Last, State equalization figures for tax year 2025 have been released and provided to board members for review.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Endres, second by Nickel to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$72,990.00; Payroll \$18,436.21; Town Bills \$54,376.26; Utility 1 \$157.15 and Utility 2 \$20.38. Motion carried (4-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Nickel, to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval on August 18, 2025, Town Board Meeting

Town of Vienna Monday, August 11, 2025 Plan Commission Minutes

The Town of Vienna Plan Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00PM by Plan Commission Chair, Cate Heath. Commissioners Steve Herbrand, Joe Henry, Matt Shefchik, Jim Koch, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present were 10 attendees from different areas. A list of attendees will accompany the minutes.

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment: Heath asked if anyone had a comment. Clark reminded attendees that public comment would be limited to 5-minutes each.

Attendee Larry Kaseman - Stoughton, handed out an 11-page Testimony on Data Centers. His purpose was to ask the town to seriously consider not allowing the QTS Data Center to be built in Vienna because the cost would be too great, and it only would benefit a few people. Kaseman also pointed to the negative impacts on resources and the environment.

Attendee Megan Roman - Monona, stated that Data Centers cause pollution, use a lot of water and energy and are not good for rural Wisconsin. Tax Revenue is important but is better for the community when it causes people to move out due to noise and large buildings built around the current area.

Resident Jenny Sweat - Stated based on past meetings, it is her understanding that QTS has requested to rezone 615 acres from Agricultural to Commercial for the Data Center development. Sweat would like to see the town not change the zoning at this time. If it presented later, more information will be needed on electricity use and how it impacts others.

Attendee Diane Karls - Stated that QTS is trying to set the timeline for changing the current comprehensive plan under review. Karls cautioned the board to follow the towns plan first before reviewing any request from QTS

Resident Jim Koch - Referenced an editorial article on Data Centers that have been built in other places. Koch stated data centers use a tremendous amount of electricity. A shut down nuclear site was just activated again to accommodate a Bitcoin company. Clark reminded everyone Koch was speaking as a resident and not a commission member.

Approve the minutes: Motion by Henry, second by Shefchik to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2025, Plan Commission meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Discussion and possible recommendation for approval to adopt Resolution 2025-1 Amendment to Comprehensive plan: Heath stated this does not include any language regarding a data center, this is the adoption of the Comprehensive plan that has been in the works since 2023. Kodl explained this version includes all requested changes, such as duplicated language, new ordinances added for ATV Road Access and Solar Panel farms. Also, commercial development was removed from the ETZ area along the interstate and the tenure for land ownership to create a split or build on the land was revised from 20 years to 10 years. Dane County planning staff is still reviewing the final draft for any typing errors or missed language removal.

This will be completed and ready for a public hearing date to be set at the next board meeting on August 18, 2025. Kodl noted that all the meetings and changes are noted on the Dane County website for Vienna, including the completed draft and proposed new Land Use Map. Clark displayed the site online and attendees noted the link shown. Some questions were addressed and discussion followed. Once the board reviews the final draft plan and land use map, a date will be set for the Public Hearing to be held. This process will allow open discussion and address letters/comments received regarding the plan. Post cards will be mailed to all residents, notices will be mailed to all surrounding municipalities and a publication noting the day, date, time and location of the public hearing date so everyone is notified. Motion by Koch, second by Henry to adopt Resolution 2025-1 Amendment to Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried (5-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Herbrand, second by Shefchik to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0) Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the next Plan Commission Meeting.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes August 18, 2025

The regular town board meeting was called to order on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7:00PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Amanda Nickel, Dakota Cable, Sherri Meinholz, Gary Endres and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present was Curt Kodl, Dane County Senior Planner along with 15 neighbors and residents. Sign in sheet will be attached to minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Dave Lynch spoke about the commercial area that has been added to the Land Use Map. This shows the area of Patton Road from Norway Grove School Road to Hahn Road and Hwy V from the Vet Office to the town hall. Lynch stated this area will require more infrastructure and cause more damage to the Patton Road. Marx noted that Patton was built for heavier traffic due to ATC, E80 and Madison Sand Road usage. Lynch is concerned about the wetlands and protected waterfowl area along Hwy V. To allow any development in the corridor could jeopardize the environmental status. The board should reconsider the location of the new area. Lynch pointed out marsh lands and should be considered when planning for development. This area currently attracts bird watchers and bicyclers and could enhance more tourism if promoted.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Nickel, second by Meinholz to approve the minutes as corrected for August 4, 2025, Town Board meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Discussion and possible action to set a Public Hearing Date on Proposed Revisions to Comprehensive Plan: Clark explained that the Comprehensive Plan was recommended for approval by the Plan Commission on August 11th by resolution. If the board agrees with this, the board can approve the recommendation and set a date for the Public Hearing. Kodl provided a timeline of events leading up to creating the final draft. For the process to go smoothly, enough time needs to be allowed to cover the required 30-day open comment period along with mailings of notices and publication.

It was discussed and the date of September 29th was suggested. This would provide a week for proper notification by mail and newspaper, plus 30 days for individuals to comment. Once the Public Hearing is held, depending on the revisions, it could either move forward to Dane County or possibly the Plan Commission for more work. Endres asked if there was a way to have an outside firm such as GEC to handle the town's storm-water management, other than Dane County. Kodl stated that would be something he would need to investigate. Clark explained if this was a consideration, this would have to be added to the comprehensive plan for future planning. Discussion followed. Motion by Cable, second by Nickel to set the Public Hearing date for Monday, September 29th. Motion carried (5-0)

Discussion and possible action on Approval of Authorized Business Officers for TOV Credit Card

Limit: Clark informed the board that Breiwa is working on the renewal of town credit cards. To increase each cards credit limit, the Treasurer and Clark must be authorized by the Town Board members to make this request and proceed any further with the company. Motion by Meinholz, second by Nickel to authorize the Vienna Treasurer and Clerk as Officers for establishing new credit lines for the town. Motion carried (5-0)

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Amanda Nickels' meeting with Cornerstone Community Center was scheduled for Tuesday, August 12th but was postponed due to lack of a quorum. Supervisor Cable meeting with Waunakee EMS was held Thursday, August 14th. They announced a 9.3% increase in budget for 2026. Supervisor Meinholz meeting with Dane-Vienna Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, August 25th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire is scheduled for Monday, August 25th.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark updated the board that the Municipal Enforcement Code is working on a few properties that need cleaning up. This has been very effective so far. Also, the next meeting will include a first look at 2026 budget and road projects.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses: Motion by Endres, second by Nickel to approve the current town bills as stated in the amount of \$48,317.89; Payroll \$5,568.78; Town Bills \$9,787.64; Utility 1 \$19,868.67 and Utility 2 \$13,092.80. Motion carried (5-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Cable, to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:32PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval on September 8, 2025, Town Board Meeting

**Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 8, 2025**

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall, located at 7161 County Highway I, DeForest, WI. The agenda for this meeting includes the following items:

Call the Town Board meeting to order
Recite the Pledge of Allegiance
Public comment-**Note: speakers will be limited to 3 minutes each person**
Approve or amend the minutes of the August 18, 2025, Town Board meeting
Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2025-2 Participation in Dane County Urban Consortium
Discussion and possible action on Equipment Committee recommend Purchase of new Lawn Mower
Discussion and possible action on Mineral Extraction Tipping Fee by Ordinance
Discussion on 2026 Draft Budget and Road Projects
Operator's License
Town Supervisor Reports
Town Clerk's Report
 DCTA Meeting – Sept 17th located at Westport Town Hall, at 7PM
 Next Town Board meeting - Sept 29th following Public Hearing at 7PM
Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages, and expenses
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