

Town of River Falls Spring Newsletter

Spring 2025

Notes from Town of River Falls Chair, Terry Kusilek

I would like to thank everyone that voted for me, I look forward to working with the other Board Members and the various Town Committees to provide good services to the Town residents. I am excited about my new role as Town Chair. I am eager to get more involved in the daily operations of the Town. I currently serve on the Roads Committee and plan on staying on that committee. I will discuss with the other committees where they feel I can best assist them with their responsibilities and will support them as we move forward building new relationships. I am interested in knowing if you have any concerns as a Town Resident. Please feel free to contact me to discuss any subjects that you want to. My e-mail and phone number are listed below.

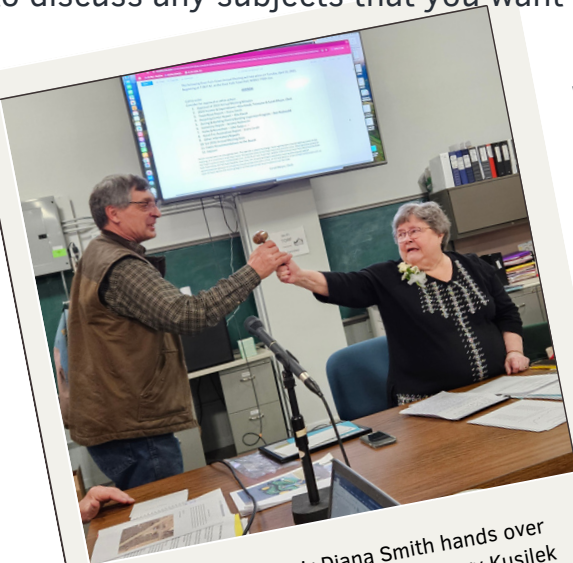
Please include a phone number in an email as I prefer talking with residents rather than emailing. Thank You, Terry Kusilek
Contact: torf.chair@gmail.com or (715) 821-4029

Notes from Outgoing Town of River Falls Chair, Diana Smith

It has been my pleasure to serve the Town of River Falls over these past 20 years. First as a committee member, Plan Commission member, then supervisor, and finally town chair. It has given me the opportunity to grow and learn a lot about Town government. We have the most wonderful town to live in. The land is beautiful, the residents are great and they have a wealth of knowledge that they are willing to share when asked. We have a great staff. My heartfelt thanks goes out to Rob Schaar, who single handedly managed our Roads Department for six months. We are also extremely fortunate

to have hired Dalton Flick in June 2024. Our Zoning Administrator Don Rodewald is knowledgeable in many areas, not just about zoning and has been willing to help wherever I have needed him.

We also have very dedicated, wonderful people on our committees. They take their roles seriously, continuously look for ways to improve and have tremendous work ethic. There are no words to express how fortunate we are to have the people who are on our Plan Commission and Town Board. They consistently work through challenging issues that affect our town and its residents and do a remarkable job of keeping our town a great place to live. Thank you for your trust over these past years and for allowing me to serve and give back to this wonderful community. ~Diana Smith



Outgoing Town Chair Diana Smith hands over the gavel to incoming Town Chair Terry Kusilek at the Annual meeting on April 15, 2025.



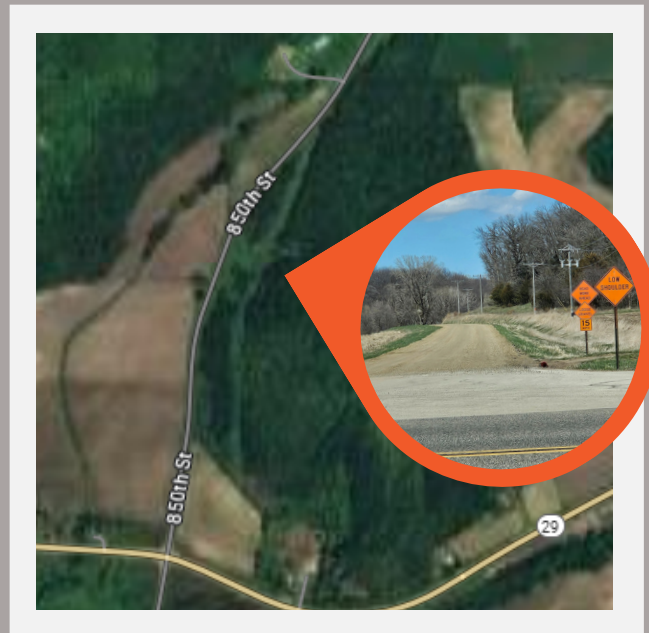
At the Annual Town Meeting
April 15, 2025

Back Row, Left to right: Sarah Meyer (Town Clerk), Brad Mogen (Supervisor IV), John Galgowski (Supervisor I), Siri Smith (Supervisor II), Don Rodewald (Zoning Administrator), Joe Mahoney (Supervisor III)

Front Row, Left to Right: Rita Kozak (Town Treasurer), Diana Smith (Town Chair)

Town of River Falls Roads Update

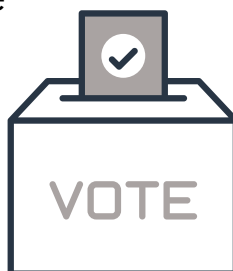
Town roads are managed by the Town of River Falls Roads Committee. The current committee members are Brad Mogen (Committee Chair & Supervisor 4), Terry Kusilek (Town Chair), Don Rodewald (Zoning Administrator), Peter Stern, Cole Hanson, Rob Schaar and Dalton Flick (Rob and Dalton are both Town employees). Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact either Brad or Terry who will then bring them to the committee's attention. In 2024 we finished rebuilding the final 1.3 mile stretch of Randall Road (770th Ave), the most heavily traveled road within the Town. Although it has taken several years, Randall is now completed from Highway 65 east all the way to the Martell town line. The major project being tackled in 2025 will be the rebuild of Saddle Club Road (850th St) north of Highway 29. This stretch has already been ground and will be under construction for most of the summer so expect it to be slow and dusty. We recognize it's an inconvenience for those who either live on or routinely travel the roads being worked on, but it's a necessary evil and we appreciate your patience and understanding. Please slow down and be considerate to the workers when they are on site. The town will also be blade patching several sections of roads that have broken up over the winter and attacking pot holes, which are routine summer projects. The major tree trimming/removal project for 2025 (Timber Trail, 760th Ave) has already been completed. We will continue to work on improving intersection sight lines and addressing individual tree projects as needed. More time will also be spent spraying for noxious weeds and brush control as we now share a truck-mounted spray rig with the Town of Martell.



2025 Spring Election Results

On April 1, 2025, there were 1,205 voters (~70.8%) that voted in the Town of River Falls. The following were elected:

Town Chair: Terry Kusilek
Supervisor I: Mary Foster
Supervisor II: Siri Smith
Town Treasurer: Rita Kozak
Town Clerk: Sarah Meyer



There are no more scheduled elections in 2025. Mark your calendars for 2026 election dates:

- Tuesday, February 17- Spring Primary (if necessary)
- Tuesday, April 7- Spring Election
- Tuesday, August 11 - Partisan Primary
- Tuesday, November 3 - General Election/Gubernatorial

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Meeting Information

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8:00pm

Roads Committee: 2nd Thursdays at 6:30pm

Plan Commission: 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:30pm

Parks Committee: 4th Thursdays at 6:30pm

Cemetery Committee: 3rd Thursday as needed

Recycling Committee: June 5, September 4, December 4 at 6:30pm

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE FOR UPDATED MEETING INFORMATION

Road Right of Way

The Town of River Falls follows Wisconsin State Statute when it comes to road right of ways. State Statute 82.18 states that: Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, highways laid out under this chapter shall be laid out at least 66 feet wide unless, in the town board's discretion, that width is impractical. If the town board determines that a 66-foot width is impractical, the width shall be determined by the town board but shall be at least 49.5 feet in width. When no width is specified in the highway order, the highway shall be 66 feet wide.

Permits Required

Here is your reminder that you need permits for:

Fire/Burning

2025 burn permits are available at the Town Recycling Center during center hours—Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. year-round. From May through September, the recycling center is also open on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Permits are also available from the Town Board and staff members by appointment.

Business

All businesses operating in the Town of River Falls, homebased or not are required to obtain a permit. Contact Don Rodewald, Zoning Administrator for more information. zoning@riverfallstown.com

Fireworks

Fireworks permits are required for shooting off large firework displays. A permit can be requested from Terry Kusilek, Town Chair at 715-821-4049. You must have your permit at least TWO business days ahead of your event in order to provide the required notification to the River Falls Fire Department. Small fireworks displays such as sparklers, caps, snakes do not need a permit.

Special Events

A permit is required for events where an entrance fee is charged or attendance is expected to be over 300 people. Applications for special event permits must be submitted to the Town Clerk at least 30 days prior to your event to be considered by the town board. The permit application can be found on the Town website.

Town of River Falls Recycling Center

Located at W7750 Hwy 65

Open Saturdays 8:00am - 4:00pm Year Round, Wednesdays 5:00pm - 8:00pm May- September

The following items are banned from landfills and incinerators statewide and should be reused, recycled or composted. These items **MUST NOT** be put in the solid waste dumpster but many of them are accepted for recycling.

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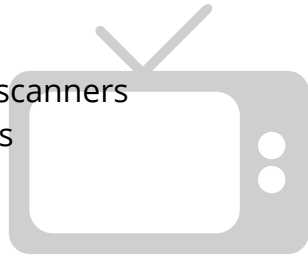
All must be clean and dry, with **NO** food waste!

- #1 PETE: water bottles, pop bottles, fruit juice containers, oil containers
- #2 HDPE: milk jugs, bottles from shampoo, body wash, conditioner, bleach, cleaning agents
- #5 PP: Cottage cheese, sour cream containers, etc
- Glass: Any color (no window glass, table glass, ceramic glass, tempered glass)
- Aluminum: Cans, foil
- Bimetal cans: cans from soup, vegetables, fruit



Electronics

- computers - desktop, laptop, netbook, tablets, monitors, keyboards, mice, scanners
- phones
- printers, fax machines, scanners
- DVD players, VCRs, DVRs
- external hard drives
- flash drives, USBs
- televisions



Vehicle Items

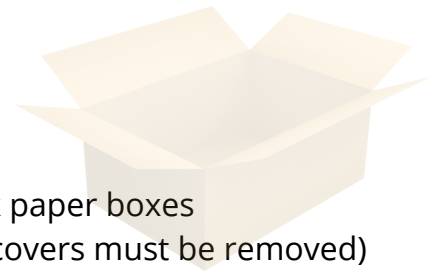
- lead - acid batteries
- tires
- used oil filters
- waste oils
- antifreeze



Cardboard and Paper

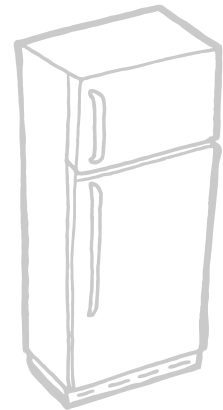
Boxes must be broken down!

- corrugated cardboard & cardboard boxes
- cereal boxes
- paper
- magazines
- newspaper
- fruit and milk paper boxes
- books (hard covers must be removed)
- oatmeal boxes



Appliances

- air conditioners
- boilers
- washers/dryers
- dehumidifiers
- dishwashers
- freezers/fridges
- microwaves
- ovens
- water heaters



We recycle metal too!

We DO NOT accept

- yard materials: grass clippings, debris and brush, leaves
- home or hazardous chemicals
- concrete
- pavement



<https://riverfallstown.com/recycling-center/>