

# **Village of Cambridge Plan Commission**

**Monday, June 14, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.  
Amundson Community Center, 200 Spring Street  
Community Room**

**AS ALL DANE COUNTY COVID MANDATES HAVE BEEN LIFTED, THIS IS AN IN-PERSON MEETING:  
MASKS ARE NOT REQUIRED; HOWEVER, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT UNVACCINATED PEOPLE  
CONTINUE TO WEAR MASKS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. THE MEETING ROOM WILL  
BE SET UP FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING. THANK YOU!**

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call.
2. Proof of Posting.
3. Approve Minutes from Plan Commission Meeting on February 8, 2021
4. Public Appearances:
5. Unfinished Business: None
6. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action regarding:
  - a. Update from Dancing Goat Distillery
    - i. General Update
    - ii. Landscaping Plan
    - iii. Beekeeping
7. Correspondence: None
8. Any Other Such Business That Can Legally Be Brought Before the Committee for Consideration on Future Agendas/Questions or Comments for Staff:
  - a. Conditional Use Permit: 201 Commerce Avenue
9. Adjournment of Meeting

### Note

- 1) Persons Needing Special Accommodations Should Call 423-3712 At Least 24 Hours Prior To The Meeting.
- 2) More Specific Information About Agenda Items May Be Obtained by Calling 423-3712.
- 3) Final Plan Commission Agendas Are Typically Posted By 4 Pm on The Friday Preceding the Regular Meeting At The Amundson Community Center, Cambridge Post Office, Cambridge News Office And Cambridge State Bank.

*Lisa Moen, Village Administrator/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer*

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**Monday, February 8, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Including Federal, State and County Emergency orders limiting crowds, this meeting is being held via teleconference. You will be able to join the meeting any time after 6:20. Members of the Plan Commission and public may attend by:

Dial-in number (US): (727)731-3716

Access code: 6866292#

Online meeting ID: bgoeckner

Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/bgoeckner>

## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call.** Chairperson Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Commissioners: Michalski, Hollenbeck, Anderson, Franklin, Milsap, Wittwer and Chairperson Cunningham. Others present: Lisa Moen, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer; Mike Reiber, Nick Maas, Dancing Goat Distillery; Madeline Westberg, Cambridge News; Roxy Engelstad.
2. **Proof of Posting:** The Agenda was posted in the upper and lower levels of the Amundson Community Center, Cambridge Post Office and the Hometown Bank.
3. **Approve Minutes from Plan Commission Meeting on January 11, 2021:** *Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hollenbeck. Motion carried.*
4. Public Appearances: **None**
5. Unfinished Business:
  - a. **Ordinance 2021-01 – Amending Section 17.28.030 of the Village of Cambridge Ordinances Regarding General Business Conditional Uses:** Per the Commissions direction, Administrator Moen prepared a draft ordinance that would allow hotels/motels in the General Business/Central Business Districts. Anyone wishing to do so, would need to apply for a conditional use permit. This gives the Plan Commission and the Village Board some control over the potential projects.

*Commissioner Franklin made a motion to recommend to the Village Board approval of Ordinance 2021-01, Amending Section 17.28.030 of the Village of Cambridge Ordinances Regarding General Business Conditional Uses, seconded by Commissioner Milsap. Motion carried.*

6. **New Business:** Discussion and Possible Action regarding:
  - a. **Sign Ordinance** – possibility of limiting size/height: There was discussion at the Village Board that some liked the lower sign that the BP had put in. As we were reviewing the Kwik Trip sign, it was just for the electronic messaging board which needs to be approved per our ordinances. The size and height of the sign meet our current ordinances. It was asked if the Plan Commission could look at this. Driving through the Village there are a number of taller signs that meet current code. There was discussion and it was felt that the signs have not been an issue and was not worth revisiting the ordinance at this time. No action was taken.
  - b. **Solar Panel discussion:** The Village Board has set up a subcommittee to look at the proposed Solar Panel project. There will be three members of the Village Board and we are looking at two citizen members. A meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, asking for public comments. We are also creating a google doc where citizens can share their concerns and questions. While this project has been discussed for a while, the engineering plan was just presented to the DNR in December.

Their next step would be to apply to the PSC. Concerns that have been raised are that the Village would be landlocked, limiting any potential growth; the visual as you enter the village; environmental concerns, etc. Jeff Milsap and Chuck Franklin both showed interest in participating on the subcommittee. Mike Maas also offered financial and human resources as needed. Administrator Moen will keep the Commission informed as to meetings, etc.

- c. **Rezoning proposal in the Village of Christiana:** This is an FYI, that the property located on HWY 12/18 is looking to be rezoned from HC (Heavy Commercial) to MI (Manufacturing and Industrial), to put in an automobile salvage and recycling operation. A meeting will be held in Christiana on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30. The Commission was not supportive of this, felt there were better uses for the land. Concerns that we would have salvage yards on both sides of Highway 12 & 18 when entering Cambridge.

*Commissioner Milsap made a motion to draft a letter to the Town of Christiana Plan Commission expressing our concerns regarding the proposed rezoning and intended use, seconded by Commissioner Wittwer. Motion carried.*

This will also be on the Village Board Agenda. If they wish to join, it could be a joint letter.

7. **Correspondence:** None

8. **Any Other Such Business That Can Legally Be Brought Before the Committee for Consideration on Future Agendas/Questions or Comments for Staff:**

- a. Mike Reiber informed the Committee that they have received the variance for the second Rick House. Thursday morning an inspection will be done for an occupancy permit on the first Rick House.
9. Adjournment of Meeting: Commissioner Milsap made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, Motion carried. Chairperson Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

*Lisa Moen, Village Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer*



200 Spring Street  
Cambridge, WI 53523

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**SUBJECT:** Keeping of Bees within the Village Limits

**FROM:** Lisa Moen, Administrator/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

**MEETING DATE:** June 14, 2021

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**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:** The Dancing Goat Distillery is looking to keep bees on their property within the Village of Cambridge. The Distillery will follow state guidelines and work with an experienced beekeeper to mentor them as they implement this.

Per our ordinances, a permit must first be issued by the Village. Upon researching this, I am not able to find a permit or application on file in the Village records. I have reached out to other municipalities and am in the process of drafting an application. I am hoping to have this to you prior to the meeting on Monday.

#### 6.04.220 - Keeping of bees.

- A. It is unlawful for any person to establish or maintain any hive, stand or box where bees are kept or keep any bees in or upon any premises within the corporate limits of the village unless the bees are kept in accordance with the following provisions:
  - 1. No hive, stand or box where bees are kept shall be located closer than twenty (20) feet to any property boundary. Such hives, stands or boxes may only be located in the rear yard.
  - 2. If bee colonies are kept within fifty (50) feet of any exterior boundary of the property on which the hive, stand or box is located, a barrier that will prevent bees from flying through it, no less than five feet high, shall be installed and maintained along the exterior boundary. The barrier may be either a natural planting or artificial.
  - 3. Fresh, clean watering facilities for bees shall be provided on the premises.
  - 4. The bees and equipment shall be kept in accordance with the provisions of state law.
  - 5. A conditional user permit shall first be obtained pursuant to the village zoning code.
- B. Nothing in this section shall be deemed or construed to prohibit the keeping of bees in a hive, stand or box located within a school or university building for the purpose of study or observation.

*(Prior code § 7-1-21)*