Town of Rome
Nekoosa, WI 54457
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MINUTES
TOWN OF ROME PLAN COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 **4:00PM** **ROME MUNICIPAL BUILDING**
1156 Alpine Drive
Nekoosa, WI 54457

1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Reppen at 4:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call
   Plan Commissioners present: Vito Giardino, Jerry Wiessinger, Bill Kappel, Tim Reppen, Bruce Hoeppner, and Paul Janczak.
   Plan Commissioners absent: Heather Dalton
   Also present: Zoning Administrator Emily Arndt, and Administrative Assistant Taylor Owczynsky
3. Certify Posting of Meeting
   Zoning Administrator Emily Arndt certified the agenda was posted at the following locations on November 26th, 2025:

   Rome Municipal Building at 1:22pm
   Kwik Trip at 1:40pm
   Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank at 1:50pm
   Website on November 26th
   Legal Notice published in the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune on: November 26th
   30-day notice posted on November 10th
4. Approve the Agenda
   Motion by Giardino/Wiessinger to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Citizen Comments – During the Citizen Comment period of the agenda the Plan Commission welcomes comments from any town resident, not a member of the Commission, on any item not on the agenda. Please know that pursuant to State law the Commission cannot engage in conversation with you but may ask questions. The Commission may refer the item to staff, a standing committee or a future Plan Commission agenda for discussion and action. Each person wishing to speak will have up to 3 minutes to speak. Speakers are asked to submit a card to the Chair providing their name, address and topic for discussion
   a. The Commission will also take comment from the public on agenda items as called by the Chair, but not during Citizen Comment. Please note that once the Commission begins discussion on an agenda item no further comment will be allowed from the public on that issue

   No comments received.

NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED EXCEPT POSSIBLE REFERRAL TO FUTURE AGENDA:

6. Information Updates, Recent Correspondence, Current Events, Announcements.
   No updates or announcements.
7. Open Public Hearing
   a. Consideration of the proposed Comprehensive Plan map 9 amendment from Forestry to Residential and zoning map amendment from FR (Forest and Outdoor Recreation District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residence District) relating to the properties located in Section 29, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI; with parcel

numbers of 030-00989-0000 and 030-00991-0000; total area 77.77 acres
Zoning Administrator Emily Arndt indicated that this zoning amendment is also a Comprehensive Plan amendment from Forestry to Residential. The Comprehensive Plan amendment was noticed thirty-days in advance of the Plan Commission meeting. The applicants are requesting this zoning change to allow for a subdivision to be created. Discussion with the owner on possible noise pollution in this area from Dyracuse Off-Road Park. Discussion was also held regarding the proposed outlay of the subdivision and if the lots could be changed in any way. The applicant indicated that he has been in contact with Adams County and this is the layout that would have to be used for the length of the cul-de-sac.

8. Close Public Hearing
Motion by Kappel/Wiessinger to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

9. Discussion and possible action - Meeting minutes from Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Motion by Kappel/Wiessinger to approve the November 18, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible recommendation to Town Board - Consideration of the proposed Comprehensive Plan map 9 amendment from Forestry to Residential and zoning map amendment from FR (Forest and Outdoor Recreation District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residence District) relating to the properties located in Section 29, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI; with parcel numbers of 030-00989-0000 and 030-00991-0000; total area 77.77 acres
Motion by Kappel/Wiessinger to make an affirmative approval and recommendation to the Town Board for the rezoning request as well as the change in Comprehensive Plan from Forest and Outdoor Recreation to R1 for the 77.77 acres as stated, including the Findings of Fact. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible recommendation to Town Board – Zoning ordinance amendment: Home solar systems
Discussion regarding home solar ordinance. Zoning Administrator Emily Arndt explained the difference between the two draft versions in the packet. Discussion on adding to the ordinance an appropriate minimum size/wattage. Item to come back for public hearing next meeting.

12. Discussion and possible recommendation to Town Board – Zoning ordinance amendment: Residential accessory building width
Discussion regarding the minimum building width in residential districts. Item to come back for public hearing next meeting.

13. Discussion and possible recommendation to Town Board – Zoning ordinance amendment: Nanobubbler definition added to zoning ordinance
Discussion regarding the proposed nanobubbler definition being added to zoning ordinance. Item to come back for public hearing next meeting.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

14. Next agenda items:
1. Zoning ordinance amendment: Home solar systems
2. Zoning ordinance amendment: Residential accessory building width
3. Zoning ordinance amendment: Nanobubbler definition added to zoning ordinance
4. February – possible re-zone and comp plan.

15. Next meeting date and time: January 13, 2026

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Kappel/Giardino to adjourn at 4:34pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Owczynsky

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