



Town of Rome
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**MINUTES
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

3:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Taylor Owczynsky at 3:00 p.m.

2. Discussion and possible action – Appointment of Officers

➤ **Chairperson**

Motion by Lewis/Hoeppner to nominate Mark Lake as the Chairperson of this committee. Motion carried.

➤ **Vice-Chairperson**

Motion by Lewis/Hoeppner to nominate Cyndee Lewis as the Vice-Chairperson of this committee. Motion carried.

3. Roll Call

Committee members present: Bruce Hoeppner, Cyndee Lewis, and Mark Lake

Committee members absent/excused: Jerry Wiessinger

Also present: Zoning Administrator, Emily Arndt and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Taylor Owczynsky

4. Certify Posting of Meeting

Taylor Owczynsky certified that on Friday, July 17, 2026, the Agenda for the Town of Rome Comprehensive Plan Sub-Committee meeting for Thursday, July 23, 2026 was posted at:

<i>Posted at the Rome Town Hall</i>	<i>3:40 p.m.</i>
<i>Posted at Kwik Trip, LLC</i>	<i>3:55 p.m.</i>
<i>Posted at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank</i>	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune</i>	<i>2:22 p.m.</i>

5. Approve the Agenda

Motion by Lewis/Hoeppner to approve the agenda as presented including the change of “Wednesday, July 23” to “Thursday, July 23”. Motion carried.

6. Citizen Comments – During the Citizen Comment period of the agenda the RTC Design Plan Sub-Committee welcomes comments from any town resident, not a member of the Sub-Committee, on any item not on the agenda. Please know that pursuant to State law the Sub-Committee cannot engage in conversation with you but may ask questions. The Sub-Committee may refer the item to staff, a standing committee or a future agenda for discussion and action. Each person wishing to speak will have up to 3 minutes to speak. Speakers are asked to submit an orange card to the Sub-Committee secretary providing their name, address and topic for discussion.

- a. The Sub-Committee will also take comment from the public on agenda items as called by the facilitator, but not during Citizen Comments. Please note that once the Sub-Committee begins discussion on an agenda item no further comment will be allowed from the public on that issue.

No Citizen Comments Received.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

*Positively applying the tools of government to serve and protect our people,
strengthen our community and promote prosperity.*

7. Discussion and possible action – Review of 2016 Comprehensive Plan

Discussion regarding the 2016 Comprehensive Plan in regards to the recommended updates from the 2022 Joint CDA and Plan Commission Sub-Committee. The full process for updating the Comprehensive Plan was discussed. Discussion of the possibility of using an Artificial Intelligence application to rework and tailor the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Rome. Chairman Mark Lake has access to ChatGPT; after the Comprehensive Plan has been run through this software, Chapter 1 will be brought back to the sub-committee for review. The potential plan moving forward will include running chapter by chapter through the software and then bringing each chapter back to the Committee for their thorough.

8. Discussion and possible action – Review of Updates from the 2022 Joint CDA and Plan Commission Sub-Committee

Covered in agenda item above.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

9. Next agenda items

Review proposed updates to Chapter 1 – Chairman Lake to bring back.

10. Next meeting date and time

August 3, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lewis/Hoeppner to adjourn at 4:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Owczynsky

Taylor Owczynsky
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer