

Town of Christiana Smart Growth Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: July 27, 2026

Location: Christiana Town Hall

Call to Order

Committee Chair Dawn Redford began the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Cindy Brady has now joined the Smart Growth Committee. Others in attendance included Trent Bettenhausen, Tom Jelinek, Lisa Juday, and Catherine Gottsacker. David Smithback was absent.

Confirmation of Meeting Posting

Notice of the meeting was properly posted at the Christiana Town Hall door and website.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from June 29, 2026, was made by Tom Jelinek, seconded by Lisa Juday, and approved by all.

Public Comment

Ken Rockney, Jan Redford, Kayla and Tyler Papenfuss, and Melissa Hahn attended. Kayla expressed interest in seeing the expansion of the commercial corridor.

Town of Christiana Comprehensive Plan

Dawn will add a section about the Town of Christiana's history between the welcome and introductory paragraphs that were previously approved. We discussed how to rewrite text in order to restrict the size of commercial/industrial sites without being too specific. As discussed, Dawn will include text that limits the footprint of future developments. She will also revise text that extends development along the Highway 12 & 18 commercial corridor.

August Meeting

The next Smart Growth Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on August 31, 2026. Dawn will make revisions to the section on commercial/industrial development. Members are to review specific sections in Chapters 4, 5, and 8 and bring suggestions for edits and/or deletion of text from the 2009 plan.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom and seconded by Lisa. The meeting adjourned around 8:20 p.m.