

Town of Christiana Smart Growth Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: February 23, 2026

Location: Christiana Town Hall

Call to Order

Committee Chair Dawn Redford began the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Other committee members in attendance included Lisa Juday, Trent Bettenhausen, Tom Jelinek, and Catherine Gottsacker. David Smithback and Hans Lein were absent.

Confirmation of Meeting Posting

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

Public Comment

Town Chairman Jim Lowrey thanked the committee for its work.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Lisa Juday and seconded by Catherine Gottsacker. All were in favor of approval.

Town of Christiana Comprehensive Plan Survey Update

Discussion: Survey Timeline

Members discussed using a postcard to promote methods for completing our survey with the hope of mailing it out (before) the April election. Majid Allan of Dane County Zoning would be able to create the postcard along with the actual survey using *Survey Monkey*. The survey could be completed digitally, but would also be available in print form from the town of Christiana.

Discussion: Land Use, Chapter 8 of the Current Comprehensive Plan

Members reviewed pages 35-37 of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Zoning changes need to be reflected in this section. Topics discussed included the goal of preserving agricultural land, transfer of developmental rights, tax credits under the Farmland Preservation Act, how to update maps showing the locations of solar arrays, and other land use policies that will be edited after survey results are known.

March Meeting

The next Smart Growth Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on March 30, 2026, to review pages 38-41 of Chapter 8 in the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Tom Jelinek will look into how the 2018 zoning updates relate to land use in the Town of Christiana.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lisa Juday, seconded by Trent Bettenhausen, and unanimously agreed to by all. The meeting adjourned around 8:00 p.m.