

Town of Montrose Comprehensive Plan Committee
Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2026
(Draft – For Approval at Next Meeting)

Attendees: Tim Schmitt, Bill Warner, Tim Bahls, Cory Brown, Deb Brucaya, Ann Sayles, Marie Barry

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Montrose Town Hall, 1341 Dianne Avenue, Belleville, WI 53508

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Town of Montrose Comprehensive Plan Committee was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Minutes

Motion: Deb

Second: Bill

All in favor, no opposed

3. Dane County Rep: Ben Kollenbroich re: Annexation

- Ways for towns to limit annexation
 - Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)
 - Town of Dunn Example:
 - 50 cents per \$1000 additional tax to pay for the cost + grants
 - Bonded for cost at beginning
 - Other Examples: Town of Dunkirk via Groundswell Conservancy staff support
 - Dane County Ag Conservation Easement Program will pay for 25% of cost of easement
 - USDA ACEP-ALE Ag Land Easement program helps cover 50% of cost
 - State program w/o current funding that could help in future
 - Other cost considerations: appraisals, legal costs, staff support / contracted support
 - Landowners can “donate” a portion of the value for a PDR transaction and write off the cost for a period of years
 - Boundary Agreements: See attached document
 - Towns can ask questions about legal discrepancies, etc that slow down the process, etc.
- Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
 - 1.5 miles from a village; 3 miles from Verona – municipalities can exercise authority over land divisions by denying certified survey maps
 - Has occurred between City of Verona and Town of Verona

3. Review of Development Plans of Neighboring Municipalities – Tim Bahls

- Discussion of comprehensive plans of Fitchburg, Verona, Belleville and Oregon

4. Questions to Be Asked in the Community Survey

The committee reviewed the draft survey and edited it.

Ann moved approval of the survey to send to Dane County for distribution. Motion was seconded by Bill. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Note to add instruction sheets to the beginning of the survey to describe how to get additional copies, to return at election (April 7), when survey is due, etc. Note on intersection w/ annual meeting (April 14) for additional response opportunities.

Discussion about community engagement meeting, facilitation support needed, and need to set a date for the meeting prior to the town annual meeting in order to give people advanced notice to attend.

- Dates: 1st Choice - May 13th, June 11th, June 4th
- Marie agreed to find a facilitator

Adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Barry
Committee Member