

TOWN BOARD MEETING (TBM) TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE
10896 W Town Hall Road and by Zoom
Wednesday, March 12th 2025 at 6:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheldon at 6 pm. In attendance were Supervisors Delaney, Johnson, Johns and Amery with Clerk Cleary and Treasurer Overman.
2. Community Participation: Presentation by Joan Motsinger, provided in full at the end of the document. Tom Oatman thanked Chairperson Tim Sheldon for all of his service to the Town during his time on the Board and for the level of civility that he cultivated and preserved.
3. **Motion to approve Agenda for Wednesday, March 12, 2025 made by Deb Amery**, seconded by Sarah Delaney. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. **Motion to approve Minutes of February 12, 2025 Town Board Meeting made by Sarah Delaney, seconded by Deb Amery**. All ayes. Motion carried. **Motion to approve minutes of February 26, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting made by Mark Johns**, seconded by Quentin Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Report presented by Kathy Overman.
 - Signature card at bank will need to be updated following the April 1st election. Additionally, the Town credit card is in the Treasurer's name. Clerk Cleary (as a former municipal auditor) proposed eliminating the credit card. Will have a follow up discussion once new Treasurer takes office.
 - Cash receipts year to date are \$673,878.52.
7. **Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$2,053,602.13 (the majority of which is tax payments received and reimbursed) and all late coming regular bills made by Deb Amery**, seconded by Sarah Delaney. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Clerk's Report presented by Bianca Cleary.
 - Absentee in-person voting will open 3/18/2025 and close 3/30/2025.
 - Clerk's hours are by appointment, please email clerk@townofspiderlakewi.gov to set up an appointment.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Boating Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee Presentation
 - **Motion to approve tabling of current Boating Ordinance #02-2024 made by Quentin Johnson**, seconded by Deb Amery. All ayes. Motion carried. Plan to convene Special Board Meeting following review of 60+ pages of data.
 - b. Plan & Review Commission presented by Sarah Delaney
 - **Motion to approve a rezone Petition -Eric & Cheryl Wilson made by Sarah Delaney**, seconded by Deb Amery. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - **Motion to approve conditional Use Permit for Sandy & Trisha Principe made by Sarah Delaney**, seconded by Deb Amery. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - ZA Report – full P&RC meeting minutes available on the Town website.
 - **Motion to approve Ordinance 25-01 to Approve the 2025 Comprehensive Plan made by Sarah Delaney**, seconded by Quentin Johnson. Roll call vote to approve Ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

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c. Roads Committee presented by Quentin Johnson

- Roads budget- not a lot going on; all going close to prorated budget
- T4 update: truck slid into a ditch – Jim was not hurt, Don was able to pull out.

d. Health & Safety presented by Deb Amery

- Fire Department- Chief Schmidt not available. Ben Garrett from the Division of Forestry recommends blowing leaves away from the edges of buildings.

e. Facilities, Maintenance, & Solid Waste presented by Mark Johns

- Facilities Report – Voting Machine Storage – Craig Pagenkopf echoed the request by Clerk Cleary made at the last meeting of the need for a storage closet for the voting machine.
- Transfer Station Report – Town Road Bans take effect March 3, 2025 (6-ton restriction) – Extra Dumpsters Outside Transfer Station Gate for those residents who are Republic customers only.

10. Motion to adjourn made by Deb Amery, seconded by Mark Johns. All ayes. Motion carried.
Next Town Board Meeting will be the Annual Town Meeting, TUESDAY, April 15, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca Cleary
Clerk, Town of Spider Lake
4.6.25

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Community participation comments:

Good evening, members of the council. My name is Joan Motsinger and I live on Big Spider Lake. I want to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation for the dedication to our community as exemplified by the maintenance and improvements to our roads, the efficiency of our waste management, and the commitment of our volunteer fire department, all vital to our quality of life. Thank you.

My husband and I, like many others, chose Spider Lake as our home because of its beauty and recreational opportunities. We bought land in 2016, subsequently built our home, and purchased boats with the understanding of the existing town ordinances. We have adhered to these ordinances, operating some of our boats between 11 am and 3 pm and maintaining distances well beyond the required feet from shore.

We understand the ad hoc committee, created in response to the lawsuit on expanded hours, has completed its work and presented its recommendation to the council regarding the wake surfing boat ban while not addressing the lawsuit on expanded hours. We strongly object to the proposed ban on the 8 wake surfing boats residing on the Spider Lake Chain. This ban, presented without supporting data on ordinance non-compliance, raises serious concerns regarding fairness and equitable use of public resources. As well, in the absence of documented ordinance violations, we are deeply concerned that the biased committee's recommendation relies heavily on information from the Last Wilderness Alliance, a small, privately operated user alliance with no official scientific or governmental affiliation.

We request the council consider the following 4 items:

- 1. Science: We urge the council to prioritize data from recognized government sources, such as the Wisconsin DNR, and to explore lake-specific regulations that accommodate all users, rather than implementing a blanket ban based on the opinions of a non-governmental group that disproportionately impacts a specific group.*
- 2. Legal: We request the council address the pending lawsuit complaint directly, rather than circumventing, subordinating, and/or ignoring it while now adding a preemptive ban on one sector of boats.*
- 3. Stakeholders: We again propose a collaborative approach, involving all impacted stakeholders, is essential to finding a solution that avoids costly and unnecessary litigation by both the town and we citizens.*
- 4. Government: We request that all council resolutions adhere to Wisconsin state and DNR requests for user inclusion of public resources.*

While compelled to pursue legal avenues to protect our rights and ensure the equitable use of Spider Lake, we remain open to constructive dialogue, while safeguarding our legal standing.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Joan Motsinger

Date: April 2, 2025

To: Tim Sheldon, Chairman of the Town of Spider Lake Board of Supervisors,

From: Deborah J. Amery

Re.: Resignation

In my five years on the Board, a great deal has been accomplished. It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve, and, along the way, I learned what it takes to contribute effectively.

In my experience, a minimum of 24 to 30 hours a week is needed to do the job well. Unfortunately, my personal health has become more of an issue over the last year, and with doctor appointments and therapies, I have struggled to put in the hours required. I do not want to disappoint my colleagues or fall short of meeting the Town's needs.

Therefore, please accept this as a formal request to step aside from my active role on the Board for the remainder of my term, ending in April of 2026.

I can continue in my capacity until a replacement for my position has been appointed, or, if necessary, until my term ends in April 2026.

Deborah J. Amery
10421 W Hahns Road
Hayward, WI 54843
(608) 334-1396 – Cell



Resignation as Town Supervisor

From Quentin Johnson <Quentin.Johnson@townofspiderlakewi.gov>

Date Mon 4/7/2025 9:51 AM

To Tim Sheldon <tim.sheldon@townofspiderlakewi.gov>; Mark Johns <mark.johns@townofspiderlakewi.gov>; Deb Amery <deb.amery@townofspiderlakewi.gov>; Sarah Delaney <sarah.delaney@townofspiderlakewi.gov>

Cc Bianca Cleary <clerk@townofspiderlakewi.gov>

Please use this letter as my resignation as Town Supervisor with term ending in April 2026. Having been elected Town Chairperson in the April 1, 2025 election, I have received the certification of election and taken the oath of office. My resignation should be effective April 14, 2025 at 11:59 pm. It has been a pleasure working with you for the last year and I look forward to the next two years serving as Chair.

Best regards. Q

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March 11, 2025

Board of Supervisors
Town of Spider Lake
10896 W Town Hall Rd
Hayward, WI 54843

Dear Supervisors,

The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation is excited to be hosting the 13th annual Epic Bike Festival, June 6th-8th, 2025. The Epic Bike Fest will be a weekend full of activities, including bike plate pick-up at the American Birkebeiner Trailhead, singletrack mountain bike races on June 7th, a post-race party consisting of an expo, live music, food trucks, and more, gravel races on June 8th, and various award ceremonies. We anticipate having 800 riders for the singletrack races on Saturday, June 7th, 500 riders for the gravel races on June 8th, including a number of spectators for both days of racing.

The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation would like to use sections of the following roads on Sunday, June 8th, 2024, in the Town of Spider Lake. The gravel races will roll-out from the American Birkebeiner Trailhead starting at 8:00 am – then will be utilizing the following roads/trails for the 50-mile and 27-mile courses:

- Seeley Fire Tower Road
- Boedecker Road
- Telemark Road
- Clear Lake Road
- Lake Helane Road
- Rock Lake Road

For complete route cue and directions, please reference this link:

2025 Epic Full Gravel Route –

https://ridewithgps.com/routes/44009721?privacy_code=Lccrv8UL1Hdg2tFYwLA37qa6jkfgWVmx

2025 Epic Half Gravel Route –

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/44009759>

We have also attached a copy of the course maps for your reference.

The ABSF will be working with various course marshals to ensure all road crossings are safe for participants, volunteers, and emergency vehicles. We will be working with the Sawyer County Sheriff for additional traffic control on the intersection of Clear Lake Road and North Murphy/West Murphy Boulevard. All riders will be made aware that of the effected roads will be open, and to give the right of way to vehicle traffic, if necessary. We are also requesting to have a medical presence on the roads listed above, by means of a medical ATV. We anticipate all athletes to complete their race by 3:30 pm at the latest on Sunday, June 8th.



Please add us to the April 9th town board meeting agenda to discuss the event and answer questions. I look forward to being present at the next Town of Spider Lake meeting to provide you with more event details and course specifics.

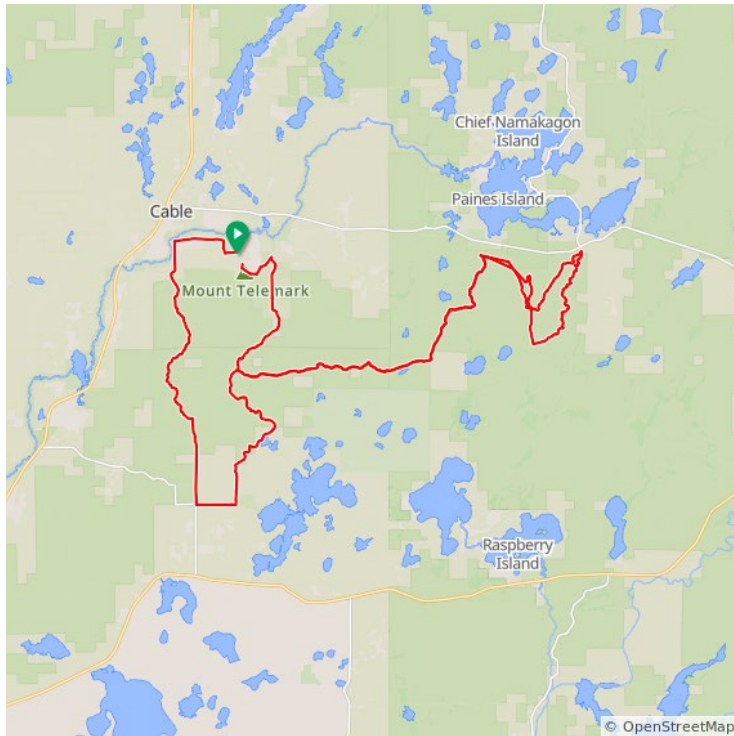
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support of the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation and the events we produce to promote living healthy lifestyles!

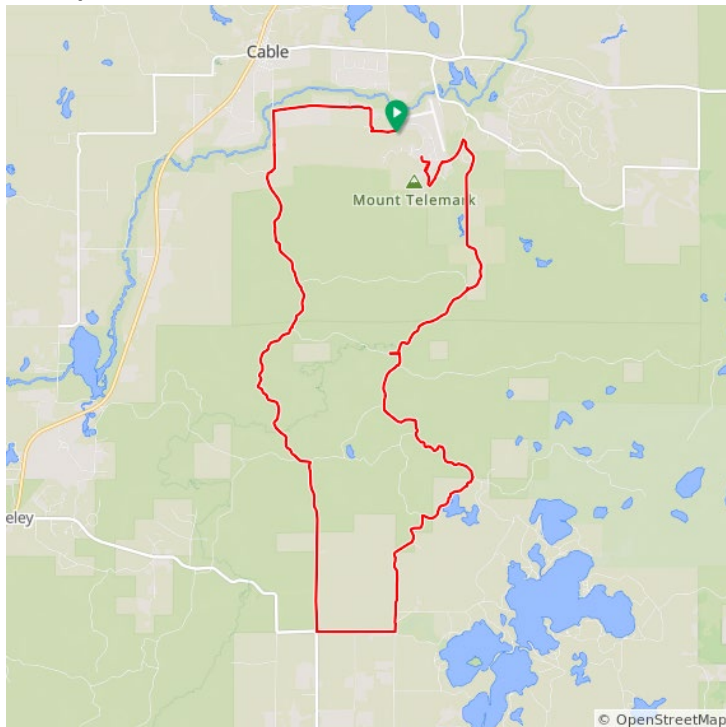
Sincerely,

Kristy Maki
ABSF Event Director
715-699-0890
kristy.maki@birkie.com

Full Epic Gravel Route – 2025



Half Epic Gravel Route – 2025





CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

10/11/2024

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PRODUCER Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC 6160 Golden Hills Dr Minneapolis MN 55416	CONTACT NAME: Select Certificates PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 763-746-8000 E-MAIL ADDRESS: SelectProcessing@marshmma.com FAX (A/C, No):
INSURED American Birkebeiner Ski Fdtn P O Box 911 Hayward WI 54843	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A : West Bend Mutual Insurance Co INSURER B : INSURER C : INSURER D : INSURER E : INSURER F : NAIC # 15350

COVERAGES**CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 309703676**REVISION NUMBER:**

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A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y / N ☐	N / A	1936966	10/1/2024	10/1/2025	☒ PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 100,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 100,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Certificate Holder is included as Additional Insured as required by written contract or agreement limited to the General Liability coverage.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**Town of Spider Lake
5345 W State Hwy 77
Hayward WI 54843

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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SEELEY LIONS CLUB

PO BOX 861
HAYWARD, WISCONSIN 54843



Date: March 18, 2025
To: Town of Spider Lake Board
From: Tom Rowley, Co-Race Director, Seeley Lions Club
Subject: Request to Hold the 29th Annual Seeley Lions PreFat Mountain Bike Race

The Seeley Lion's Club is planning to hold our 28th Annual PreFat Mountain Bike Race on Saturday, August 23, 2025 and hereby request approval from the Town of Spider Lake Board to hold the event. The PreFat is our major annual fundraiser that allows us to complete our many community projects.

We plan to start and finish all three races (Expert 25 mile, Sport 17 mile and Citizen 10 mile at the OO Birkie trailhead. We plan to use portions of the Birkie Trail and CAMBA single track as well as portions of Telemark Lane, Seeley Fire Tower Rd, Boedecker Road, Janet Road, and County Hwy OO for the races. I am also requesting permission to label the roads we'll be using as "Closed" for the morning of the event. We've done that for the past several years and experienced no problems with traffic. We again expect 200+ total participants, almost equally divided between the three races.

I will also contact both the American Birkebeiner and CAMBA with our intention to hold the event. In the past neither organization has expressed any opposition to our proposal. I am also requesting permission from Sawyer County, and the Town of Lenroot.

I have attached a map of the overall proposed course, including location of aid stations. I have also attached a copy of our liability insurance certificate naming the Town of Spider Lake as an additional insured.

I request that, if possible, you consider this event request at your April, 2025 meeting. I will be out of town for the meeting, but I can answer any questions you have regarding our proposal.

Thank you.

Tom Rowley
tomrowley_evr@yahoo.com
612-889-7222 cell
PreFat Co-Race Director
Seeley Lions Club



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DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
02/04/2025

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PRODUCER DSP Insurance Services, Inc. 1900 E. Golf Rd., Ste. 225 Schaumburg, IL 60173	CONTACT NAME: Bryan Adams		
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 1-800-316-6705	FAX (A/C, No): 847-934-6186	
	E-MAIL ADDRESS: lionsclubs@dspins.com		
INSURED Seeley Lions Club Hayward Wisconsin	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
	INSURER A: ACE American Insurance Company		22667
	INSURER B:		
	INSURER C:		
	INSURER D:		
	INSURER E:		
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Provisions of the policy apply to the named insureds participation in the following activity during the policy period shown above:
08-23-2025
Seeley Lions PreFat Bike Race OO Trailhead Town of Spider Lake

Town of Lenroot, Sawyer County, Sawmill Saloon
is included as an Additional Insured(s), but only with respect to General Liability arising out of the issuance of permit(s) to the Insured shown above and not out of the sole negligence of said additional insured.
PROVISIONS OF THE POLICY DO NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OR SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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SAWYER COUNTY ZONING & CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

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Email: Jay.kozlowski@sawyercountygov.org

Summary to Towns for proposed Ordinance Amendment for “camping cabins” in licensed campgrounds

Several months ago, a request was presented to The Sawyer County Zoning Committee to look at the aspects related to “camping cabins” within licensed campgrounds as per the Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance. This request was brought forward by the owners of Lake Chippewa Campground, the largest campground currently in operation within Sawyer County. The request was to accept the State Definition of camping cabins per ATCP 79. This State Definition would increase the allowed size from 300 sq. ft to 400 sq. ft and would also remove the current prohibition of gas, water, and sewer from cabin cabins. This amendment was proposed to The Committee as to have consistency with a State Definition but also that the industry for camping is changing and the prohibition of water and sewer within these camping cabins for Sawyer County was not up to date with other Counties or industry standards.

Again, Camping Cabins are only allowed in licensed campgrounds. They require a Land Use Permit from Sawyer County Zoning Department and would account for a unit/site as part of a Campground’s original number of sites requested.

Attached with this documentation is the approved “option A” which the Sawyer County Zoning Committee has selected to send to the Towns for approval. This “option A” would change the current Sawyer County Code of Ordinance-Appendix D (Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance) Section 2.0(15)- Definition of CAMPING CABIN & Section 6.610 – Camping Cabins within TRAILER CAMPS AND CAMPGROUNDS. The attached redline version shows the specifics of the proposed changes.

Town Clerks, please add this letter, the “option A” redline and Town Opinion Form onto your April Town Board Meetings. If there is over 50% approval from the Towns as part of a proposed ordinance amendment there would be an official “Public Hearing” as part of the Sawyer County Zoning Committee Meeting on April, 25, 2025. Zoning Committee would then make a recommendation to County Board of Supervisors for the ordinance amendment ratification. Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jay Kozlowski

Sawyer County Zoning & Conservation Administrator

Option A – State Definition for Camping Cabins. Removes prohibition of water, sewer, gas. 1 story height max. No percentage max for park models.

SECTION 2.0 DEFINITIONS

(15) **CAMPING CABIN:** Any building or other structure constructed, placed or used which that is 400 square feet or less in area. A camping cabin includes a yurt, but does not major include a tent, recreational equipment/vehicles, and advertised or designed for the temporary shelter of visitors, tourists, campers, or campground users, whether vehicle, tourist rooming house, mobile or not, and is used strictly for shelter, home, or manufactured home. The use of camping cabins shall meet the requirements of Section 6.610 and only allowed in licensed campgrounds.

6.6 TRAILER CAMPS AND CAMPGROUNDS

Camping cabins and park model trailers must be located in a Federal, State, County, Town, or in a privately owned campground; the plan of which has been approved by the County Zoning Committee and appropriate State agency; and only "operational to public" from April 1 until December 1 with a "Manager or Designee" available twenty-four (24) hours per day.

6.61 Minimum lot or parcel size - ten (10) acres

6.62 Maximum number of sites - five (5) per gross acre of campground, unless otherwise determined by Conditional Use Permit that site conditions require a lesser number of sites.

6.63 Each site shall be plainly marked and surfaced.

6.64 All drives and parking areas other than those at individual sites shall be surfaced, at least gravel surfaced, and all lighting must be "down lighting".

6.65 Central toilet, shower, and washing facilities shall be provided in sufficient quantity, as determined by the State Department of Health and Social Services requirements.

6.66 Water supply and the manner of sewage disposal shall comply with the regulations of the Sawyer County Private Sewage System Ordinance and the appropriate requirements of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

6.67 No site shall be less than 75 feet from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM), 75 feet from the property lines of the camp, and must meet required road setbacks for a site as required in Section 4.21 SETBACK REQUIREMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND ROADS.

6.68 Marshland and shoreline areas shall not be altered.

6.69 The screening provisions of Section 7.0 of the ordinance shall be met.

6.610 1) Camping Cabins: The construction, placement, installation or use of a camping cabin shall be by land use permit issued only to licensed campgrounds. Camping cabins shall not exceed 300400 square feet in area.; ~~shall not exceed 12 feet in height; and the connection to or installation of gas, water, or sewer shall be prohibited.~~ Camping cabins shall not have a second story or loft.

Option A – State Definition for Camping Cabins. Removes prohibition of water, sewer, gas. 1 story height max.

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Town of Spider Lake

By Action of the Town Board, the proposed amendments to Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Section 2.0(15)-Definition-CAMPING CABIN and Section 6.610-Camping Cabins within licensed TRAILER CAMPS AND CAMPGROUNDS are hereby:

The proposed amendments are in reference to Camping Cabins within licensed campgrounds.

Approved _____

Denied _____

*Please check mark box above as the majority decision of the Town Board

Tim Sheldon, Chairman

Quentin Johnson, Supervisor

Deb Amery, Supervisor

Sarah Delaney, Supervisor

Mark Johns, Supervisor

Please Provide Additional Comments for Your Decision:

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Bianca Cleary , Clerk

March 31, 2025

Dear Town Board Member,

My name is Don Robinson. My family and I own Lake Chippewa Campground on the Chippewa Flowage. We have owned the campground since 1986 when I bought it from my previous employer, Northern States Power Company. This will be our 39th year of owning, and my 55th year working in the camping business. In those 55 years I have watched the industry evolve from the simple fishing camps of our childhood, to resort-like settings with many amenities that appeal to a wider customer base.

Over the years, campgrounds have experienced an increase in demand for a scaled down, less expensive rental unit. The industry answer to this has been the camper cabin. They are small cabins built on skids with no foundation. Camper cabins are only allowed in licensed campgrounds and require a land use permit.

Camper cabins are a camping option for people who want to come to the north woods but do not want to stay at a traditional resort cabin, sleep in a tent or purchase and store a recreational vehicle. It is also a way for non-campers to join their extended camping families or an opportunity to try out the camping life.

We would like to add some camper cabins with bathrooms to expand the cabins to appeal to more people. I know I would not like to get up, get dressed and put on my shoes multiple times in a night to walk to the bathroom. Families with young children have the same problem but Mom or Dad need to go along too. Add raincoats and it can be quite an undertaking! A small bathroom in a one-room cabin would go a long way to providing some comfort.

We are requesting that Sawyer County level the playing field and treat camper cabins in the same way that other Wisconsin counties treat theirs.

We are asking for a change in the ordinance to remove the prohibition of water, sewer and gas installations in accordance with WI Code ATP 79 and SPS 327.

Per enclosed document SPS 327 Camping Units FAQs: "SPS 327 is a uniform statewide code, thus a local municipality may not adopt an ordinance on any subject falling within the scope of the code."

Myself or one of my daughters, Jill or Kathy, would be happy to try and answer any additional questions you might have.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Robinson

Lake Chippewa Campground

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SPS 327 Camping Units FAQs

Administration and Enforcement

Q: How is a "Camping Unit" defined for the purposes of application of SPS 327?

A: **Chapter 101.63(1)** of the State Statutes **establishes standards for the construction and inspection of camping units set in a fixed location in a campground that are licensed by the Department of Health Services.** The standards apply to such units that contain a sleeping place, and that is used for seasonal overnight camping.

SPS 327.08(9) defines Camping Unit as a framed structure or a tent, teepee, yurt, or other structure with fabric roof or walls that is 400 square feet or less in area, which is used for seasonal overnight camping in a campground.

Q: Who is responsible for inspecting Camping Units?

A: Per SPS 327.06(1)(a) and 320.06, inspections of camping units shall be performed by the certified UDC inspector employed or contracted with the municipality in which the camping unit is located.

Q: Does this code apply to existing camping units already in place?

A: No. This code only applies to camping units for which construction commenced on or after the effective date of the code. While this code has no bearing on camping units built prior to the effective date of this code, it does introduce the "Pre-Existing Insignia" that is available from the municipality upon request by the owner. The procedure for obtaining the "Pre-Existing Insignia" is described in more detail on page 4 of this document. The issuance of the "Pre-Existing Insignia" does not imply compliance with SPS 327.

Q: How can an inspector purchase the Wisconsin Insignias or the Pre-existing insignias?

A: Wisconsin insignias and pre-existing insignias shall be purchased by municipalities from the Department of Administration (DOA) Document Sales in accordance with the fee

established in s. SPS 302.34.DOA Document Sales can be accessed via the following web address within the selection for the Department of Safety and Professional Services.
<https://docsales.wi.gov/>

Q: Can local codes apply to camping units?

A: SPS 327 is a uniform statewide code, thus a local municipality may not adopt an ordinance on any subject falling within the scope of the code.

Q: Does SPS 327 apply to repairs of affected camping units?

A: No. The provisions of the code do not apply to repairs or maintenance of camping units, or the repair of electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating, air conditioning and other systems installed in the camping unit.

Q: Are municipalities required to adopt SPS 327 in their local codes?

A: Yes. All municipalities that exercise jurisdiction over the UDC for one- and two- family dwellings shall, by ordinance, adopt SPS 327 in its entirety.

Q: Can a municipality that exercises jurisdiction over the UDC choose to not exercise its jurisdiction regarding camping units?

A: Yes. Per 327.06(1)(b) Municipalities intending not to exercise jurisdiction over the construction and inspection of new camping units shall notify the department, in writing, within 90 days of the effective date of this code. This notification must be made by Sunday, May 7, 2017.

Note: Notification of intent to not exercise jurisdiction and certified copies of rescission of ordinances should be sent to Department of Safety and Professional Services, Industry Services Division, PO Box 7302, Madison, WI 53701-7302.

In municipalities not exercising jurisdiction under sub. (1), the department will oversee enforcement and inspection services for new camping units.

Q: What exactly is defined as a "Campground"?