

Town of Christiana Smart Growth Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: June 29, 2026

Location: Christiana Town Hall

Call to Order

Committee Chair Dawn Redford began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Other committee members in attendance included Trent Bettenhausen, Tom Jelinek, and Catherine Gottsacker. Lisa Juday and David Smithback were absent.

Confirmation of Meeting Posting

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from June 1, 2026 was made by Tom Jelinek and seconded by Trent Bettenhausen. All were in favor of approval.

Public Comment

Serena Van Eeuwen and Jim Notstad expressed concern about current and future development. Dawn responded that we cannot have stricter guidelines than the county, that Dane County controls conditional land use permits, and that Battery Energy Storage Systems are not allowable without rezoning.

Town of Christiana Comprehensive Plan

Dawn incorporated notes from past meetings and revised the Comprehensive Plan Introduction text. Cathy made a motion to approve the revision which was seconded by Trent and approved by all. At our next meeting, Cathy will bring a draft related to the history of the land and people to add to this section.

The survey supports not changing the density policy of five years. The committee agreed to keep the density policy and phasing of splits unchanged.

Discussion on adding language to freeze the transfer of development rights as it relates to the density policy from parcels that are currently not used for agriculture as defined by WI State Statutes.

July Meeting

The next Smart Growth Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on July 27, 2026. We will need research on the footprint, energy demands, and power supply options for data centers; their impact on water/soil quality, aquifers, and wetland preservation; and the potential for more construction of substations. Since future technologies are unknown; plan for language changes. Also, members are encouraged to take photos to include in the revised plan.

Adjournment

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