

TOWN OF HULL
PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING

February 26, 2013

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

- 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** The Town of Hull Plan Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 by Chairperson John Holdridge at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Hull Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54482.

Present: John Holdridge, LaVerne Syens, Bob Bowen, Al Stemen, Jocelyn Reid and Secretary Patty Amman.

Excused: Shelley Binder, Bob Enright

Also present: Chuck Lucht, Associate Planner of Portage County Planning and Zoning

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF the January 22, 2013 meeting:** *A few comments were made on the minutes as follows:*

Stemen On page 32 John was talking about rental units and he didn't think there were any in Hull. "I don't know of a rental unit." I spoke up and said, "I do, next door to me." But that's in the city and I didn't think about that until I read over the minutes.

Holdridge I would say we have very few rental units. They might be duplexes. I think there are some on North Second. Generally, we're almost exclusively single family owner occupied. One of the reasons we don't have apartments is because we have private wells. I don't know if you could even build an apartment unit with a private well and septic. That might not be possible by code.

Lucht It wouldn't be easy. It could be done because they do it for restaurants which have been put on private wells if you put in a large enough pump system and septic system. It can be done because a busy bar puts out no less sewage than a decent size apartment complex.

Holdridge The minutes had great comments including this notion of the futility of planning with the big issue being annexation. The law was written back in 2001. We had that chapter on intergovernmental cooperation then the city just ignores it so there is really frustration there. As we said last time, we'll get Jeff Schuler and Patty Drier to come out and let them sense some of the frustration we had with the planning process. The really big issue is annexation. We understand annexation law and the state trumps the planning but none-the-less we spent a lot of time from 2001 to 2006 to develop this plan and one of the key components was intergovernmental cooperation.

Bowen Another comment: I think the Disability Resource Center does a great job in taking care of transportation and meal provisions for the people that want it. They ask for a donation, most of the time they don't get it.

Amman They do transportation outside the city?

Bowen Oh, yes, in the county.

Amman I know the meals are county wide but I didn't know about the transportation.

Holdridge Is that out of the senior center?

Bowen Yes, it's out of the Lincoln Center / Disability Resource Center. They have umpteen people employed to serve the elderly so I think they're pretty well served.

Holdridge That's that 30% you pay to Portage County, a small part of it. Again, I think the information in here is well stated.

Bowen Did you take any action on the intergovernmental cooperation?

Holdridge I think we sort of agreed what we need to do is get Patty Drier out here and Jeff Schuler, they're the people that run the show and vent our concerns to them. Chuck has been a good sport. He's taken it well.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2013 made by Al Stemen seconded by LaVerne Syens. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS; CHAIRPERSON AND PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS.

Holdridge Have all of you seen this pie chart? We're really trying to get people to understand our tax situation. It includes a narrative about where the property taxes go. We had a meeting with the fire department last week and I asked how many of them knew what percent of the property tax goes to the Town of Hull. None of them knew that. It's 15%.

Lucht Would you like something like that in your Comprehensive Plan when we get to Chapter 9?

Holdridge Yes, we could put that in with our finance and budget. There probably isn't another town that has that is there?

Lucht No. But we've been thinking about finding a place where we can stick some information like that in; also, if you had a basic breakdown of the large items of the town budget.

Holdridge We've got that in a pie shape (*chart*), both the expenditure and the revenue.

Syens Chuck, are you referring to the percentage of our budget that is used for roads?

Lucht Yes, that kind of thing, just the big stuff.

Holdridge The big money item is roads. If you looked at the recent Times magazine, they have an extensive coverage of health care costs. They keep telling us you need to know your health care bill, what you're paying for. That's difficult.

One of the things that was talked about in the minutes was the annexation question and because of annexation, are we losing population. I think the only way you can find that out is to go back and look at area annexations and what was the population loss. The big annexations have almost always been just land. But that land then gets developed. So we don't lose population there but down the road, that which would previously have been in Hull is now in the city and the developer comes in there and builds up the property. So at that next meeting, we'll get on to that annexation question. I also think we need to look at the law. One of the changes that happened, largely but not exclusively, was when the mayor tried to do a shoestring up I-39 and tried to annex along Casimir Interchange. They actually changed the law because of that. Lassa actually swung with the towns on that. So that's no longer possible. You have to be contiguous to the city boundary.

The other thing I think we need to do is have a review of the planning laws. See where the planning laws extend right now as opposed to what it was in 2001. In 2001 it said you had to have a comprehensive plan in order to do land-use planning, right?

Lucht Right, which you guys did.

Holdridge In order to do any land-use planning, you had to have this comprehensive plan. That drove the plan and our plan was initially adopted in 2006. I don't know what the status of that law is. There's a strong feeling that the planning law came out of Madison.

Lucht Every municipality in the county has theirs done. So whatever extensions happened somewhere else in the state doesn't matter to us because ours are all done. In fact, like you guys, some of the towns that were the first ones to get through are now coming into the review process. They're the ones that are first going through the review process.

Bowen You're saying even the ones that opted out of the state process have plans now?

Lucht No, I'm saying that everybody in Portage County has theirs in the can and on time. Everybody in the county has their plan and it's adopted and acceptable by the state. The first ones that managed to get through are now in the review process.

Holdridge I suppose there's the question of what is the state's position on it now.

Lucht They are required and the 9 elements that were stated in 2001 are still required.

Holdridge But annexation and the legal basis and what the status is of the planning.

Since the next meeting would have been in Holy Week (*March 26*), I think we'll cancel that so that'll give Chuck time before the April meeting. So the 4th Tuesday of April (*April 23*).

4. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. AGENDA ITEMS ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (Wisconsin law requires that no government action can be taken until a topic is placed on the agenda and published 24 hours in advance of the meeting). None.

5. UPDATE ON WATER STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION, HULL MUNICIPAL BUILDING REMODEL, ASSESSOR CHANGES IN HULL.

Holdridge We're looking at the Southeast Sector of the Town of Hull which is basically north and south of Hwy. 10 (*East*). It includes Bob Enright, the lost subdivision; it includes the Kirshling subdivision and several other subdivisions. Patty, we estimated we had 900....

Amman There were 900 some wells and 600 some that have nitrate tests done sometime within the past 30-some years.

Holdridge That really surprised me. We've got 900 households and 2/3rds of them have had their water tested within the last 20 – 30 years. So what do we want to know this for? This is all in the GIS system at the county on computer. We're trying to analyze the situation with the water over there particularly as it pertains to nitrates. So we have all this data. How do you make sense out of it? The guy who is going to be doing it with a colleague of his is Bob Enright. He's a sociologist and knows what the process is. I don't think any of us expected that 2/3rds of the households would have had tests done on their water.

Syens It would be interesting to see tests that were done within the last 5 years. Recent ones.

Holdridge I had mine pulled up there. I had mine done in the 1980's. My well is down 25 feet. I'm down near the Stevens Point wells, across the interstate and our nitrate level was 8 ppm. So that data is available.

Stemen There aren't even any close farms to you John.

Holdridge No, none at all. But we haven't had it tested since then. The well was just a driven well because we're so close to the water.

Stemen So what did you do John? Did you put in a deeper well?

Holdridge No, I haven't done a thing.

Bowen Has your water volume changed?

Holdridge It's great. It's cold and just super water.

Stemen Are you drinking that?

Holdridge Oh yes. This is just great water. If you run it a little bit, its ice cold.

Syens I live in the Kirshling subdivision and I had mine tested this summer and it came out 2.8 ppm. Two blocks east of me is where Dave Wilz lives. His tested out somewhere at 9.something. I want to say 9.9 but I'm not sure. For nitrates. And right next door to him is a fellow named Rod Hoeth and he had his tested and it was over 10.

Holdridge How deep is your well?

Syens I want to say 24 – 26 feet.

Holdridge Dave Wilz has a deep well. So those are the kind of relationships we want to look at to see where that takes us. We have a lot of data but the question is what kind of sense can we make out of it. The other thing we'll probably do is to meet with Joel Lemke from the city who is in charge of the public works, and with Dave Glodowski. We want to know where the (*monitoring*) wells are in the city, for testing. Some of those are in Hull and we can probably piggy back on those wells for finding out the water quantity issues. Because every time you get a summer where you don't get much rain, you start getting calls like, "Are we going to run out of water?" The city has got these wells around and some of them are put in Hull in the Plover River valley and we don't know anything about them so we've got to get together. That's intergovernmental cooperation.

Stemen So in our wells that the city has in the Town of Hull, we don't know what the consistency of the nitrates is at all?

Holdridge No. The city is very secretive. The previous director, Kim Halvorson, is retiring. Joel Lemke, from what I hear from Ray Schmidt is much more open and willing to share stuff so we'll see. There's no sense in us going out and putting in more wells. They've got wells and we can analyze those. That's one of the recommendations (*from the Water Study Report*) we have.

Stemen You would think if they're getting water from the Town of Hull, they'd at least share the information.

Syens Cooperation hasn't been too great.

Amman They've shared the locations. We have the locations of the monitoring wells but we don't have much information on them.

Holdridge And of course we have Well #11 down here which we have to figure out a monitoring plan for, I suppose, we can't rely on the city for that. We've got a lot of data, now we've got to figure out what to do with it. As LaVerne mentioned, how current is it.

This building, we're going to do some remodeling in here. Dave Pederson and Mel Bembenek are working on that. One of the plans is to push that front out because I think our capacity is about 34 people in here. If we want to have a meeting that involves a lot of our citizens, we've got to go to SPASH. Do you remember what the goal was for capacity if we have a meeting?

Syens I'm thinking in the 80's.

Amman I thought it was 80 – 100.

Syens They're talking about pushing it out 21 feet.

Holdridge It's in the planning stage.

Syens The costs are going to dictate a lot of these things but we're looking at possibly a one-story, or we could go to two stories.

Stemen Do we have money for that or do we borrow money?

Holdridge We've got some money but we're developing a 5-year budget plan with the treasurer and couple of the board members. This gives a pretty good description of what our budget was like for this year and what our goals are. If you look on your tax bill, we're the only taxing entity where the taxes went down and it's 15%. I'm not sure what square footage costs. We'll take these dark walls and drywall them and brighten this place up. There really hasn't been much done with this building. As you know, the heating and cooling system is in bad shape. Last year we were sitting here with doors open. It was so hot in here because the air conditioning wasn't working. So those things have to happen. It doesn't involve the fire station, that's another issue. I think in April, Dave Pederson is going to give us a report. Then I think what you do is advertise for a builder/designer.

With the assessor situation, we have a new assessor. Phil Deffenbaugh has been our assessor for a number of years and has some health issues. He wants to get out of it. We went through the process of interviewing two assessor groups. One was Pauls out of Wausau and then Jeremy Kurtzwell. If you look at the assessors in Portage County, these guys have probably got 95% of the assessment. Jeremy does Lanark, Town of Amherst. Pauls does Dewey, Stockton, etc. So they are well known. They both have old histories. Their parents or grandparents started these firms. After going through it, we met with them one night and we selected Jeremy Kurtzwell so he's going to be our assessor. He knows the electronics, he's well informed.

Bowen What are the services they provide besides the assessments? Do they do any inspections?

Holdridge No. Phil is good at that and he likes to do it. We met with him and we're going to keep him for building inspections. Phil's problem is that he may move to Eau Claire where his son lives but we agreed that if we want to terminate him, we'll give him 2 months and if he wants to drop us, he'll give us 2 months notice. I think we're satisfied with that. But the assessor needs to have a good, basic disposition to handle that. That was one of the questions I asked these town chairmen about Kurtzwell and Pauls. I said, "How do they handle conflict?" And both of them did it well because they provide the data. Some come in and say, "My house is over-valued by you people." Sometimes people want to attack you about it. Well maybe it is, but what does the data show? You start pulling up the data of past sales. So both of these guys have what is called grace under pressure. That's a big thing because there is tension in being an assessor. So we'll probably have a year or 2 year contract with him.

Holdridge We have a 5-year contract with our hauler and that's a good, solid contract. Pauls would have wanted a 3 or 5 year contract. He was at \$22,000. In our discussion with Jeremy last week, we said, "Look, we should start this contract on March 1st because that's 2 months into the assessment year. What we'll do is you'll come in and...." He put all the mobile homes in already. I said, "We'll pay you an hourly rate." He said, "No, no, you don't have to do that." He took the stuff home this weekend and came back and had it all done. A good attitude.

Syens What impressed me about Jeremy was that he will be taking photos of all the places in Hull. Not necessarily for evaluation, but for the revaluation. In that situation where he'll be looking at the property, if he finds something that is far out of line, he'll certainly make note of it.

Holdridge Or if he finds somebody that built a building.

Reid So are you going to notify people? So he's literally going to photograph every one? I just thought that if I saw some strange guy taking pictures of our house.....

Holdridge That's the distinction between the Pauls firm. Pauls suggested we have a revaluation and with that, you're talking about \$70,000. We don't have to have a revaluation because we're at 98% of equalized value. You don't have to have a revaluation until you get below 90%. So our thought was why do we want to have a revaluation. If we have a revaluation, your house is going to get looked at. He's going to go and take pictures and in some cases he'll go inside. We didn't see any need for that so that's why we selected Jeremy. The law says.....we've got paper record cards. You've got a file on your property right back there (*in the vault*) in the files. Those paper record cards have to be computerized, they have to be electronic. There has to be a sketch of it and that has to be done by 30 days after the Board of Review this year and Phil is way behind on this. So what we're going to do and we talked with the Department of Revenue to get an extension probably until the end of 2014 so Jeremy can get all this stuff on computer. That's where if he doesn't have a picture of the house in the file, I think he'll get a picture.

Syens That give the state access to all your information.

Reid They could get pictures from satellite at this point.

Lucht That's next.

Holdridge Patty has done a lot of research on this thing and she goes onto the County GIS site and you can focus in right on your property, you wells, your water test, the whole business.

Lucht The state has just procured the funding and is starting to look at people to fly the entire State of Wisconsin with SLAR which is side-looking radar. You can identify benches, telephone poles, individual trees, decks, deck furniture depending upon the resolution of course

but at that level we know what every structure looks like and whether it's leaning. It won't be satellite but it'll be side-looking radar off of airplanes.

Holdridge Some of that is kind of big government. This drone is really interesting. We could have a situation in this country where they'd have all kinds of planes with no pilots. I know there are cities like Los Angeles that wants to get a drone.

Lucht They have long hang times, they can stay up for quite a while plus they can pack them with all kinds of scientific stuff. There are a lot of universities that use them for things like forestry issues. If you use infrared, you can tell the health of vegetation because the healthier the vegetation the brighter red it should show up. They'll do studies on vegetation health.

Bowen That's already available from space. Public television had a documentary on it the other night, they can tell you the temperature of the water in Antarctica.

Holdridge The air force is looking seriously at some of these drones to replace pilots.

Lucht So are the airlines, being able to use drone technology. Commercial airliners, that's one of the issues wrapped up when they allow drones to fly unmanned, at the same time they'll probably open up civilian air space to corporate use of drone aircraft.

Holdridge There's the question of where it's going to take us, the controversy. That's one of the concerns, the spy nature of this stuff, the privacy of the private citizen.

Lucht It would be good if somebody decided to do something about privacy but try to get a corporation to not have access to your data. It would be wonderful.

Holdridge We've had some interesting interactions with our fire department, how they operate, etc. but that's progressing. We had an executive session down here and talked with the fire chief and had some good discussion.

Lucht As part of this update, could you give me some sort of write-up on how the fire department operates?

Holdridge As soon as we find out how it operates. That's one of the questions. Then for various reasons, we wanted a monthly report on where they go. We scrutinize their budget expenditures. Now, because of this metro thing, we're getting inside the fire department to see how it operates. Every volunteer fire person has to have 60 hours of classroom instruction. We're finding out that it's a pretty big demand. They run these at night. One of the problems with a volunteer fire department is to get them here during the day because they're all working so you've got a lot of different challenges. They do a heck of a job and they come out at all times of the day, in the winter, etc. But there's just less people volunteering.

6. REVIEW OF TOWN OF HULL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHAPTERS 1 & 2 UPDATES PLUS REVIEW OF CHAPTERS 3 & 4.

Lucht So everybody should have gone through and read Chapter 3 and 4. Wouldn't take you but an hour.

Bowen I was still on Chapter 1 and 2. I have questions. First of all, on the tables and graphs are they based on the last census; are we bringing this up-to-date?

Lucht Yes, and I'm making the tables look nicer. They won't be open boxes at the top.

Bowen So on page 17 (*of the old Comp. Plan*), the last bullet item, that's going to be taken care of? It says there is an irregularity in the 2000 census population projection, corrected data has been forwarded.

Lucht That'll come out. If not, strike it through. What will happen will be we'll probably at some point have 2 or 4 chapters to go through some nights. You'll have them in time to go through them and say, this is right, this is wrong, add comments, remove comments then you'll show up and give them to me and I'll be able to go through and make any corrections.

Bowen In "B" (*page 8*), are there going to be any changes in the text on those outstanding issues?

Lucht Yes, there will be some of that stuff. Maybe those questions won't change.

Bowen Most of the minutes were about #2, intergovernmental cooperation.

Lucht I added sections on that, yes, I already did that.

Bowen I'm on page 17 (*of the old Comp. Plan*), the Summary of Findings.

Lucht I left that one exactly the way it is. It doesn't sound like it's changed much. However, there are some other sections I've added that dealt with the intergovernmental cooperation.

Bowen How about the long-term goals?

Lucht I don't think I touched it. If there's something to add to that, I should get a note or something on that because that looks like its pretty standard as well.

Bowen That second sentence (*C-2*) begins with the action word "determine". We're supposed to come up with ways and means to protect it.

Holdridge I would certainly see that Water Study as part of that.

Bowen Those are exactly the kinds of things I mean.

Holdridge Last Friday Janet Wolle got a call from a future TV program to be hosted by Terry Bradshaw and it was on American communities. I don't know how they got Hull's name. This guy was the producer and he asked a number of questions and had good questions. He said, "What do people do for fun out there?" I said "I supposed what people do for fun is go hunting, fishing and go to their kids' athletic events and some maybe even go to the casino." I don't know how he got our name but it's called something like Communities of Distinction and it's going to be produced. He's calling all over the country. I described where we were located, basic data stuff about our community, some of our initiatives, the water issue which is a big one now. It never used to be an issue in Wisconsin. Public safety issues, our location north of Point and all these people coming up walking, biking and jogging in our community. Janet was there and we were on speaker phone. We probably talked 15 minutes.

Reid Did he ask about our wanting to ban bicycles?

Holdridge No. The thing I should have mentioned, because it's hot, is the gun culture and say, "You know we do hunting here and I think we've got an ordinance that say you can't hunt within a certain distance of a subdivision." They wanted things that would stand out and sell to the public. So at some point, this is going to be on ESPN or one of the networks after they sort this out. But it is about what kind of community we've got up here, etc.

"#2. Determine ways and means to continue to protect single family residents and neighborhoods from harmful impacts." I know I mentioned one of our efforts is to protect neighborhoods. We found that in the overtaking of North Second Drive, the attempted building of the Home Depot behind the Fairview Hotel. Home Depot wanted to go in there and take out 17 houses. There have been a number of those. We weren't as successful in terms of the gas stations. But that's when we've fought to protect neighborhoods. But that's a good question; what are we doing? How do we maintain the residential character and tax base? One of the things on the tax base is you have to look at annexation and the mention of annexation is a planning issue. You've got a plot on the map where the annexations have occurred, where they could potentially occur. They went to the east side and down Old Hwy. 18 and out towards Stockton with their 800 acres. Where else would they go and how would you prevent that? Maybe get the town in the situation of buying land. The law is pretty clear; if they're going to annex, it's got to be contiguous. Our experience is no subdivision wants to go into the City of Stevens Point. The only exception is if you've got bad water. Septic systems you can replace if you've got bad water. Al, did you say in the minutes that Norm Dombrowski annexed to the city from North Point there, did you say he had bad water?

Stemen Norm had bad water in his private well so they annexed to the city to get good water but the problem was he was on the end of the line and the water was coming out, if I recall, black. So what the city did at the fire hydrant across the street from Norm's house, they ran a 2" plastic line several hundred feet out into the woods and just kept dumping water.

Holdridge So it would keep going, like there was water going beyond Norm's.

Stemen Yes, so it had a flow there so then it cleaned up. I don't know how long it lasted. There was a problem for awhile, a few years maybe.

Holdridge So these are good questions, but in some ways, they're probably kind of naïve questions and you have to get down and say, what have you done and if you haven't don't anything, you haven't done anything.

Bowen Well they just repeat.

Lucht Right, I only changed stuff that seemed to make sense. I know I added something about the Town's Association and state representation dealing with annexation issues.

Holdridge We've got to find out in the state, in the Dept. of Administration, who is the annexation expert, so we can get an update on what the annexation law is. We could have our lawyers track that stuff but there's got to be somebody at the state, probably the Dept. of Administration. Every time they have an annexation, they have to make an application.

Lucht If you look on the website, they should tell you.

Bowen Does that answer the growth in the last one, "E", the growth strategy, to prevent annexation? We're at least not shrinking. You can prevent it by negotiation.

Holdridge You can prevent it by having a subdivision where nobody wants to join. That's why they have to go out where there's land. If people are in a subdivision and they don't want to be annexed, the law is pretty clear. That's true of where LaVerne lives and also probably true where you live.

Stemen It wasn't true on Hwy. 10. People didn't want it there but they got it anyway; where they put the filling stations in.

Holdridge Where that station is by Fairview, that was already in the city. The next one down was Schierl and Parkdale owned the land. They annexed it to Stevens Point and Schierl bought it from Parkdale so that was a big operation. Parkdale developed that whole area where the Holiday Inn is.

Bowen How are you going to handle #2 then Chuck? Joint urban area growth.

Holdridge With Stevens Point.

Bowen Do you have a plan there?

Lucht I don't have it with me. I know we're still working on some of those sections.

Bowen Well that is 90% of the minutes last meeting.

Lucht I've already got some sections in there.

Holdridge I think the minutes reflected/expected that the Director of Planning & Zoning should have a leadership role in this.

Bowen Yes, that's what I got from it.

Lucht Well, we're working on it.

Bowen Even if you don't have authority, you can act like you have authority.

Holdridge Absolutely, the bully pulpit.

Bowen Exactly.

Holdridge Presidents do that all the time. If we're through with that, let's go to Chapter 3.

Bowen In Chapter 2, we're just going to update all of the tables and graphs, right?

Lucht Yes.

Bowen That to me would satisfy that.

Holdridge Once we get all the updates, then we'll go back and make sure it's accurate. Chuck, we're not going to meet in March so I was wondering if you could get through the intergovernmental chapter.

Lucht Tonight?

Holdridge No, Chapter 7, by the meeting in April.

Lucht No.

Holdridge Can't do that much? We're going to do 3 and 4 tonight, that means 5, 6 and 7 and 7 is the intergovernmental. We're not going to meet in March so you'd have all sorts of time.

Lucht Not as much time as you think, but I'll work on it.

Holdridge To us, the intergovernmental chapter is probably the most important.

Lucht I'll see what I can do with it. We can even skip Chapter 5 because that's worth one night all by itself with all the stuff in that chapter, it's a monster chapter. Even though you don't have much agriculture, there's going to be stuff to deal with ag-wise so we could do 6 or 7 and come back to ag.

Holdridge At the April meeting?

Lucht Yes.

Holdridge Remember, we're not going to meet in March. In the normal schedule, we'd be doing 5 and 6 in March right?

Lucht Yes. You can do 6 and 7. Not a bad idea because after you start dealing with Chapter 5, there's land-use issues you'll have to deal with. Some mapping you'll have to be doing because at the end of this, your zoning should be brought up to date with your land-use plan and I know there were 2 properties you were going to change to rural-limited.

Holdridge Let's not get into that. That's a whole different thing. I know what you're saying. In the April meeting, you want to take this up? Then we'll come back to 5.

Lucht Yes. I didn't see anything that needed to be changed in section 3.1. That was pretty standard. In 3.2, some of the road designations have been changed. Principal arterials are now rural principal arterials and minor arterials are now rural minor arterials so I've got to change the wording around in there so that's just an update. You will see on your map 3.1.... did everyone get that yet?

Amman No I didn't copy it for everyone because there were so few in changes on that.

Lucht Well big changes in the sense that we have 2008 and 2011 road counts.

Amman I just did that one large one for John to look at.

Lucht Average daily traffic counts are for 2008 and 2011. Hwy. 10, it's opening across the Wisconsin River is so new that they don't have trip counts for that yet but it now shows, if you go far enough north you'd see where it cuts across the river. Some of these roads I have to update as far as names go.

Amman So what you sent me is still being changed, right?

Lucht No, the GIS guys did it. I have to change road names, vehicle trips, verbiage.

Holdridge Is this going to be the new map?

Lucht Yes.

Holdridge The new one shows it going across the river. What are all those numbers? Are those county traffic counts?

Amman That's the average daily traffic numbers.

Holdridge But who takes the count?

Lucht The state does it. The state now is the keeper. A little while back we changed the ordinance that instead of relying on the 1989 functional class plan we had, we changed it so that

now we, at the county, accept the updated version from the state that is approved by the Highway Commission.

Holdridge You're talking about county and state roads, you're not talking about our local roads.

Lucht Right. I'm talking about like Hwy. 66 which changed designations and I've got to change it. There's Jordan Road but that's not really a part of the county trunk apparently.

Holdridge What is this 460, the red one here, where did that one come from?

Lucht The state. It looks like they did that in 2008 if it's placed right. On the legend you'll see the pink/red, 2011. They've been updated to 2008 and 2011 road counts.

Holdridge What we need to do, Chuck, we've got to make sure our guys are doing it consistently; they've got counters now that not only track autos but also bikes.

Lucht That would be wonderful if you guys have trackers that do that. If you've got the data for us, give it to us and we'll stick it in there.

Bowen They did it out on North Second Drive.

Holdridge Yes, they got the data. This thing is a sophisticated counter. Dave Glodowski told Pete he'd have to read the manuals on that. Pete went through it and now it's functional.

Lucht If you guys have data, give it to us and we'll add it.

Holdridge We should identify the roads, certainly North Second, Wilshire, Jordan, Brilowski, the main roads. I think Pete has collected data on those roads. My concern about this average daily traffic is that it be done consistently by some kind of standard set by the state.

Lucht Well the state guys do it.

Holdridge No, our guys do it.

Lucht We got that from the state.

Holdridge I know, but I'm talking about these local roads that the Town of Hull feels are our roads and we need to make sure our collection of data on those....when you say average daily traffic, does that mean 3 days in a row? What does it mean? I'm saying that ought to be consistent because that's the only way you can make reasonable decisions. I'll talk with Pete and see which roads he's done then that should be part of the mapping process.

Syens We just recently had a conversation with Pete and he's doing North Second Drive.

Holdridge The last one he did, I think, was Old Hwy. 18. If they put a convenience store/gas station, which is what Kwik Trip is, right before the bend there, what is the traffic count now? I think when you put that convenience store there, the traffic count will go way up on Old Hwy. 18. We need to know those kinds of numbers.

Syens You and I had a conversation with Pete within the past couple of weeks regarding North Second and the number I think he said was something like 1,300 cars a day.

Holdridge We need to pull that out. I want to make sure these counts are done on some sort of standard basis.

Stemen Is that like an 8-hour period?

Holdridge That's a good question. Is it done during the week, in the morning? I think they try to run it 24 hours. So when we say North Second Drive and we ran it 24 hours on a certain date....we do Jordan, we do it 24 hours on a certain date. Don't do 12 hours on Jordan. To me that's been a problem because I don't have a good answer from Dave Glodowski on that number and what does it really mean.

Stemen Are you trying to do all the major roads?

Holdridge Yes, I think the major roads.

Stemen Don't forget North Point and Old Wausau.

Holdridge Old Wausau would be one.

Stemen By the way, when you have Pete out looking, Old Wausau Road is breaking up. Right in front of Buss's house on the way out. Next to Dennis Ferrier. About 300-400 feet about this wide on his way out, it's all cracked up.

Holdridge The city has potholes in the ice.

Stemen You might have Pete take a look at that while he's riding around. Does the road have a warrantee on that?

Holdridge This is good, Chuck. What we need to do is get the local roads and add them.

Lucht If you have it, just let me know.

Holdridge We have it but we've got to talk with Pete and he's got to pull all that stuff out. He's keeping pretty good records. Let's move on.

Lucht Going to B – Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities. I've got a note here to put something down with cooperative planning with Stevens Point.

Holdridge That's going to be a major section.

Lucht I've also got down....there's the county plan that we're actually getting started on. We're getting the TAC (*Technical Advisory Committee*) committee together, if it hasn't met already. Where they've identified people in government, private citizens and people involved in the bike industry to come together and discuss how things are going to get tackled.

Holdridge My whole problem with your planning, Chuck, is we have major safety issues out here and all over the county. You've got a huge grant for all this planning but we've got real issues; people that ride their bike at night in the dark, people walking, joggers coming down from the University and SPASH in the middle of the road. These are safety issues. Planning is great, but who is going to pay for this stuff? You can have a plan off in the woods somewhere but when you start dealing with these roads, it's enormously expensive. We had a task force and their concern about the planning was, yes, you can plan all you want, but we've got real safety issues here on these roads. I would say this chapter here, we're probably going to have a whole section on what we're recommending.

Lucht Yes, I'm already working on that section.

Holdridge We had Sarah Wallace out at one of our meetings but the group said much of what I'm saying; look, you can do all this planning you want and outline where it should go but where are you going to get the money? Towns don't have the money. What we need to do is take those roads that we've got and make them as safe as possible.

Lucht Yes and the state has some guidelines for that.

Holdridge They've got all kinds of them, it's based on state law.

Lucht Yes which probably means, based on traffic counts, in some cases, which roads will have to get upgraded as they're rebuilt. The state is primarily doing it through the idea of when roads are reconstructed or rebuilt based upon those roads they share the bill with then those roads they don't share the cost of the road with, i.e. local and town roads, the town's responsible for, they can't force you to make upgrades. But in a situation like North Second or North Point or some of those that joggers and bikers use, the chances of effectively closing those roads down to joggers and bikers isn't going to work.

Holdridge Our group talked and we have no plans to close roads to joggers or bikers. We had a reporter who wrote an article that said we were trying to prevent bikers and walkers. Our problem is simply safety. You can talk about all the planning you want. People do not understand their responsibility as bikers, a whole bunch of them. They go through stop signs, they run at night with no lights on. John Jury who lives over on Old Wausau Road calls me up; "John, there's a guy going by here on a bike, it's dark and he doesn't have any lights." That's a basic state law. So what I'm saying is this is fine stuff but we want in here our plan, what we expect of the bikers, walkers, the cars and vehicles.

Lucht So yes, there will be that stuff in there. I have it in my note right here, the Hull bike/ped. issue, joggers, bikers, enforcement.

Bowen I get off of North Second as soon as I can when I go bike riding.

Holdridge They are risky roads and we do not have the money, ideally, to do what we should do. We've got to live with the safety problems we've got and make it as safe as possible.

Bowen Tomorrow is that bike forum starting at 10:00. Are you going to be there?

Lucht Sarah will be.

Holdridge What you have to do with planning is first of all start with the law. You need to educate people on the law. Biking at night is against the law. We know what the law says.

Lucht Transit Options for Elderly and Disabled; I will give them a call and make sure I can update that section.

Holdridge I think Bob (*Bowen*) raised a good point, is that where they go for the county?

Lucht That's what they're talking about but it needs to have more in there about it. Okay, Rail: Rail is interesting because you guys have a track along Old Hwy. 18 along the far south side of town. When I was dealing with Carson this summer and we were dealing with that side track the Canadian National wanted to build, they built that for two-mile trains. It came out that some of those trains they want to start running are 3 miles in length, which, I'm going to have to stick something in here because a long train like that could interfere with emergency services and making people wait long times at crossings.

Holdridge Are you thinking about Hoover Avenue?

Lucht Yes and then further out of town as it gets along Old Hwy. 18.

Holdridge That's in Stockton.

Lucht Yes but if you look at the southern boundary of Hull, there's a rail line that runs along Hwy. 10 on the way out.

Holdridge It goes under Brilowski, doesn't it? They built the overpass over it.

Bowen Yes, it goes under Brilowski.

Holdridge They're looking to build or exploring building either an underpass or an overpass by the Country Club.

Reid Are there any studies on how long or how often traffic is impeded on Hoover?

Lucht They just pay the fine. A train 3 miles long hauls a whole lot of money and the fine they fine them isn't really worth slowing down or dealing with it so they just pay it.

Holdridge But is there something in the law that says you can only block an intersection for so long?

Stemen I thought it was like 15 minutes.

Syens Sure and like Chuck says, they don't care. It's cheaper to pay the fine.

Reid Because it's not worth trying to take that road anymore. I don't even bother.

Lucht Where's that?

Holdridge Hoover as you go towards Highway 10 near the Country Club.

Syens Is your 25 to 30 trains each day number, is that accurate?

Lucht That's one thing where I need to call the railroad and update that.

Syens I heard of a number not long ago, and I can't attest to the validity, but they said the average in a 24 hour period was a train goes through there ever 22 minutes.

Lucht That wouldn't surprise me.

Stemen It's considerably higher than 25-30. What their projection is. When I was at Valley yet then, they told us what the projection was and I thought it was something like 60 to 70 some per day.

Lucht That could be. I've got to call the railroad, I've got to do that for this chapter.

Holdridge Chuck, I don't think this rail thing is a big issue. If you are going or coming from LaVerne's subdivision, that would be an issue.

Lucht I have to do it for Stockton and other ones so the same information will get updated in a lot of them.

Syens What may be a big issue for Hull is the method in which they decide to do that underpass or overpass. That could have an effect on the Town of Hull.

Stemen Why is that LaVerne? What's your thinking?

Syens If they do an underpass, first of all they said that because of the high water table they're going to have to pump water 24/7. This is a totally uneducated eye doing this but if they're going to do an overpass and if you look at Brilowski Road and County Trunk J and look

at where the approach is to that overpass, that's going to back up on Country Club Drive quite some distance and it's also in all likelihood going to block off the road going into Spectra Print.

Stemen There would be a frontage road there.

Holdridge I think there was one built.

Syens Well I don't know. Think about the width of the berm.

Bowen But if they'd use a pedestal system which doesn't require any fill, they could use that and they wouldn't have any fill at all.

Stemen And they can go further east too.

Holdridge The only place that I saw that the DOT talked about, they had a public session at the Lincoln Center and had the plans laid out. I know on one of them they had a frontage road. They had to deal something with the 18th green there. I don't know what their time-table is but it might be 10 years. But everybody recognized it as a heck of a problem.

Syens They eliminated that 18th green because they moved the road over 75 feet.

Holdridge That's in the plan.

Syens Yes.

Holdridge Those were all the kind of issues you get into in this kind of stuff. But they're looking at them.

Lucht E: Airport. Thankfully the Town of Plover was way ahead of me and Joan Scheider wrote a really nice expanded description of the Central Wisconsin Airport, the City of Stevens Point Airport and the Southern Wood County Airport that I will be inserting pretty much as stock language. It provides a much better description that what we originally had.

Bowen I would suggest if you leave the jet fuel issue in there, I would say "jet fuel is available for corporate aircraft and 100 octane low-lead and limited repair services are available for private aircraft." There are a few private aircraft engines that use kerosene but not very many. Put an "and" after "aircraft" as you are editing the text.

Holdridge That's a good correction. There's no commercial service that goes in there?

Lucht No. F: Trucking. I don't know about trucking in this thing. I have effective trucking on Hwy. 10 as if that were a question, and I will be inserting something about County Hwy. X interchange in that section.

Holdridge The big thing about trucking in the Town of Hull is that these are Class B roads and anyone that is over the weight limit needs a permit, that's almost every local road we've got.

Stemen That isn't happening, John.

Holdridge Well if it isn't, people need to call us.

Stemen I have been calling you. Five dump trucks were running up and down my road, way over weight with no permits.

Holdridge We need to follow up on that.

Stemen I talked to Barb several times and I talked to Janet several times about it.

Holdridge You have times and so forth?

Stemen All day long.

Holdridge Where do they go up to, North Point?

Stemen The city garage, hauling salt in, sand in.

Holdridge Coming from the north?

Stemen Yes.

Bowen These are country trucks?

Holdridge No, these are city trucks.

Stemen They're out of this area trucks.

Holdridge Oh, okay, so these aren't city trucks.

Stemen Some city trucks too but what I've noticed, in years past, but I never really paid much attention to until this year, they were always going down Bukolt Ave. before. Now they're taking Old Wausau Road and that may have something to do with our road breaking up.

Holdridge Oh sure, trucks do great damage. I'll talk with Barb tomorrow. We bill them. You know its triple damages and we've done that at least once.

Stemen I don't know why or what changed, but when they used to go down Bukolt Ave., I never saw them and it's hard to think back 2 or 3 years but it seems to me there were a lot of semi's then. Most everything I've seen are 5 axle dump trucks.

Holdridge Do they get off there at the Casimir interchange?

Stemen I can't answer that. I never followed them so I don't know if they're coming down North Point or if they're coming down Casimir. That I don't know. I just know they're coming past my house and there are usually 5 of them.

Holdridge They're loaded?

Stemen I see them coming back. I haven't noticed them going in but they're coming back out past me.

Holdridge If they're not loaded, they're okay.

Stemen Well they're still overweight.

Holdridge No, I don't think so.

Stemen Well they have their wheels off the ground.

Holdridge If they're loaded, they're probably overweight.

Stemen They've got to weigh over 30,000 pounds. Those are 20 yard trucks. They've got their wheels off the ground with 2 center axles.

Holdridge Class B weight limit is 80% of a Class A so I think you're talking 80,000 pounds. When these things are loaded, they are overweight. It's just like our guys, they have to follow the same standard as everybody else does.

Stemen I've seen some loaded, but I've seen most of them empty going the other way.

Holdridge Going up north.

Stemen Yes.

Holdridge I'll talk with Barb.

Amman There were 5 that came down Airport Road too. 5 dump trucks and they were loaded with salt, they were coming here.

Stemen I just hate to see them tear up our roads.

Holdridge Some of those, if they came here and they're over the weight limit, they've probably got permits.

Amman I told Barb about it and she said they didn't.

Holdridge Well then she needs to follow up on that stuff.

Stemen She told me she tried and hasn't gotten anybody but that was about 4 or 5 days ago. I made several calls in 2 days saying they're going up and down the road right now.

Holdridge We'll call the sheriff's department and the sheriff's department will investigate it. That's the enforcement.

Stemen I went down there to see whose name was on the doors and you couldn't see it. They were almost white trucks and so covered with salt that the lettering is just kind of disguised.

Holdridge So basically they're hauling salt.

Stemen Yes. I was going to try to get a license number but I couldn't get that and they're covered with that too.

Lucht The County Highway X interchange, is that dead and done or do I need to mention it somewhere in there?

Bowen I think that there is still a desire to have limited access there to remove heavy truck traffic. I think that more viable one now is at Maple and Dewey. I am going to write to the governor though regarding his comments about transportation and the budget bill.

Holdridge What did he say?

Bowen Well I haven't written it yet.

Holdridge But what did the governor say?

Bowen Well, he's going to plow a lot of money into it and that'll create jobs. Yet that was our point too, to maintain jobs with Grzinski's.

Holdridge I think the one at Maple has some promise but you've got to get Dewey.....

Bowen Yes.

Holdridge If Dewey doesn't push that thing.....

Bowen Well no, and the chairman up there doesn't seem to be willing to do that.

Holdridge Anyway, the biggest thing is the Class B weight limits. In the spring when you get the spring breakup, it goes to 7 ½ ton. There are roads which we have prohibited (*truck*) driving on in the spring and most of those are west of I-39.

Lucht G: Water Transportation: that's fine except I'm going to add any boat landings you have because it talks about the river's use for recreation, it's a good point to put in where the boat landings are.

Lucht Section 3.3 Inventory of Applicable Transportation Plans and Programs: State level is what we're talking about here. For Section A I have to find out whether the county still has that and update that section, that's for me to do. B: the Wisconsin Airport will have very limited updates to that as it hasn't changed.

Bowen CWA is undergoing a major renovation.

Lucht Yes but I already covered that under a previous section. C: The Railroad Plans, I've got to figure out how to do that, anything that has changed. This section is primarily for me to go through and update and present to you changes that I think need to be made.

Holdridge Chuck, on that 6-year highway improvement plan, Pete and I, through the internet the other day, watched a program that had to do with TRIP funding. There is another in-service planned and I think it's on federal highway aides and a guy by the name of Bembenek from the DOT out of Rhinelander, it might be up at Mosinee, it's coming up the 20th of March and our big concern is North Second Drive. There's got to be work on that road so we need federal or state aid for that road. I think of all the roads in Hull, that one probably has the highest priority. We're going through these media show-and-tell and trying to make the contacts and the whole goal is to get some outside money to do that road.

Lucht Okay. D: State, Regional and Local Bicycle and Trail Plans, that is the section that is getting a nice update in the sense that I will be putting in there what the goals and some of the specifics of what the state requires for the 5.023 state statutes in the budget planning law.

Holdridge Are you talking about separate bike trails?

Lucht No. In the case of the Town of Hull, it would be either adding a couple feet to the width of a road when it's reconstructed or if you redo North Second Street and get federal or state help, it would have to make sure it has bike/pedestrian facilities on it.

Stemen We talked about that a few months ago. Pete talked about that. It depends upon how many bikes a day are going over that.

Lucht Right, but the amount of traffic you say gets used by bike/pedestrians, that would be a requirement on North Second Drive if you get state or federal help.

Holdridge We don't mind doing that stuff as long as the state or federal helps us because we cannot afford that.

Lucht If you got help, you would be required up to the amount that they help you with.

Holdridge Again I go back to just getting people to follow the state law because we're going to use the roads, throughout Portage County. Now you've got some bike trails....one going by the old Bake Rite down there in Plover where it goes out....

Lucht The state law now says that unless it's a controlled access highway, you can't re-route people off of a road onto another one because there's destination places that everybody has equal access to.

Holdridge It's not a question of saying you can't use the road, the problem is people use it and they don't follow any kind of protocol. This is true in my subdivision, this is true on the roads in the Town of Hull. Maybe you start with the kids in school, to follow a protocol, to follow the state law.

Lucht Yes, and the state mentions that they try to do their best to support drivers-ed training, that they need to have education in schools, other education programs. It's not looked at in a vacuum.

Holdridge I just don't think the people at the planning department understand the kinds of issues we've got, day to day. We have them and other communities have them too.

Lucht Back to the form: the PASER surface evaluation ratings, are you still using that for your roads?

Holdridge The PASER system, I've got to check on that. That was another state program that started, they had thought about all the nooks and crannies and then they cancelled it and came out with another, I'm not sure what we use.

Lucht When you find out, have them send me an e-mail on it. I found the summary findings to be pretty much on.

Holdridge I think we've got 82 miles of roads.

Lucht Okay, I'll put down 82.

Bowen #9 I think should be: "Heavy truck traffic creates road damage." "Heavy truck traffic traveling through Hull creates road damage." There's no question about it.

Holdridge I don't know, some of these findings are.....

Lucht I will remove any one you want me to. I know most of those things we've talked about some time or other in the past year.

Holdridge #11 is accurate.

Reid Should that be "extensive"?

Holdridge It should be “expensive”.

Amman Upgrades and extensive.

Lucht Both.

Amman Expensive too, yes.

Lucht Extensively expensive.

Holdridge #2 under Issues Outstanding: “How will the placement of the Wisconsin River crossing of the Highway 10 upgrade at County Road X impact the Town of Hull and Wisconsin River corridor?” One of the things that it’s done is lead to more traffic on Jordan Road. People coming from Y by Jordan Park will shoot across on Jordan and make that jog and get onto the Interstate, I’ve heard that.

Lucht I have a note to remove #2 or changes to Highway X issues, under Issues Outstanding (B).

Bowen You’re going to change #2.

Lucht Either remove it or change it more specifically to the Highway Interchange.

Bowen I think you just need to change it to the active state. It says: “How will...” I think you could say that there’s no question, it has produced more traffic on Hull roads.

Holdridge Because they’ve got to go down to Casimir to get onto the Interstate.

Bowen Right. All the commuting traffic before got on at Interchange X.

Holdridge That’s lead to people coming out of the city coming out there, picking up Casimir. My guess, Al, is some of the truck stuff is getting off at Casimir Road, over Old Wausau.

Lucht Okay, I’ve got that.

Bowen #4 with the North Second Drive, you could include what John said earlier.

Lucht Yes.

Bowen I’ve got a question about what road it identifies.

Holdridge I don’t know if it changes the functional class. Although North Second Drive has always been high but that road needs repair.

Bowen It will increase the frequency of maintenance and refurbishing by the increase of traffic.

Holdridge Yes, it needs work.

Lucht Okay, "D".

Holdridge D has changed. The Town of Hull currently contracts with Harter's.

Lucht Did I miss one? C-Long Term Goals.

Reid You were in Chapter 4, John.

Lucht You only have one long-term goal down there. Okay, Short-Term Goals: I have to bring up something there and that would be you might need to contact the Town of Dewey and work with them on how some vehicles are routed. At the Ag meeting it was brought up that the weight limits on Hull Roads are forcing heavy traffic to go through Dewey and down and around the northern part of Hull because they feel they can't access the roads through Dewey to get to Hull developments. You can't get through Hull to get to Hull developments and they get routed around the top and it's tearing their roads up.

Holdridge What they need to do is put weight limits on them.

Lucht Then that limits development in the northern part of Hull as well. That may be, but what I'm saying is....you talk about intergovernmental cooperation and maybe it is something to talk about with Dewey.

Holdridge When we developed the weight limit ordinance, we visited with 3 haulers, Jim Grzinski, Dennis Hintz, the Danczyk brothers, and we gradually eased into it, had public hearings. Those haulers understood that. If they come through Hull and are overweight, you've got to have a permit. We can direct them where to go.

Lucht In this instance they were referencing developers working the northern part of Hull having access, Dewey roads, when they could have more directly gone on Hull roads.

Holdridge That's why a permit system is so important. They call Barb and she looks at where they're going. She will direct them by putting them on a county road or a state road or an interstate highway. Keep them as much as you can off Hull roads. Probably she told them, what we prefer you to do is.... go back on the interstate.... is to go north back through Dewey.

Lucht All I'm pointing out is it's a point where intergovernmental cooperation can come into play and it's something to check out with Dewey in the future.

Holdridge We had a discussion at the last Town's Association meeting about it. We got into it at the Dewey costs. They understood. What Dewey has to do is put in their own weight limits and limit the traffic on some of these roads. We've dealt with Jim Grzinski who has a terrible problem...when he wants to get onto the Interstate and can't, with closed X. Sometimes he does that, but on the other hand, he might go north and come back south. Jim is really conscientious,

he told me, "I don't want to run these trucks on North Second because you've got walkers, bikers, bus stops." So he doesn't.

Lucht Do you see anything else under Short-Term goals that need to be addressed? I didn't see anything.

Holdridge Examine speed limits....one of the things our 2 road guys did was go over to Wisconsin Rapids, visit with the DOT experts. They went out and looked at every segment. What we have for speed limits out there is based on state law. Some of them we had to raise, they were too low. So our speed limits are really up to code. The sheriff's department has some problems with some of our speed limits because they've got to enforce them. But those speed limits are really on target now.

Lucht Okay, take #2 out.

Bowen Well I think we need to monitor that. I don't think you want to eliminate it. I think you would change the wording to say: "Monitor speed limits on town roads and enforcement options to ensure safe travel." That's a constant and that's why we're doing traffic counts and weight permits.

Holdridge Bob, does the sheriff's department stop people on North Second?

Bowen Oh yes. I haven't seen them for awhile, but they do. I see them parked down there once in awhile.

Reid They hide.

Holdridge By your place? Do they stop you?

Reid No, not yet. They can tell if you're a hardened criminal as opposed to somebody who's just a little bit in a hurry.

Stemen They were checking with radar at the airport tonight on Hwy. 66.

Bowen Last night as I went into town, Stevens Point was checking it on North Second Drive and I was driving the speed limit or below it I think.

Lucht Okay E: Action Plan Policies.

Bowen Why do we use the terminology: "should have"? I see it on 3 of them.

Lucht I can work around that.

Holdridge I don't know about this truck route business, we're not into that at all, that should probably be struck because we don't have truck routes. We have Class B on our roads.

Bowen But #1 in Short-Term Goals says that we do.

Holdridge But we don't. Maybe when we wrote this.....

Lucht Remove #1 from the Short-Term?

Holdridge The second one, that's been done.

Lucht I'll remove #1 in "D".

Holdridge In the second one you could say, "The Town of Hull Board has up-to-date speed limits on all Hull roads." That's the reality.

Stemen Barb does the designating of truck routes.

Holdridge That's the power of the permit.

Stemen If they get them.

Holdridge Well if they don't, we need to know. But I'm telling you we go after these people if they come through and they don't have a permit. If something is going to put in a septic system, Pete will go out and film the road before hand.....we've had the most egregious stuff that's done by these truckers and we've caught them. Now if you didn't have weight limits, you can't imagine what these truckers would be doing.

Stemen And there's always those few that try to sneak in and out that nobody calls on.

Holdridge One came in during the middle of the night. Over on DuBay, tore the road up. We got a call, the sheriff's department went out and filmed it, Bob Brilowski went out. About two weeks later they called from Green Bay and said they wanted to come out and meet with us. It was the transmission line that was going across. Two guys in suits came in and handed us a check for \$20,000 just like that. Now they did not want towns to get tough on them because they were running that transmission line. Nick Somers came in one day and said, "I've got to report this." He had a contractor somewhere in Adams County who came in with a big earth mover and tore up the shoulder of our road. Well we filmed it, they paid for it. The last one was Dave Laddick who's been a great guy to work with. One of his guys came in, tore up the road, we had filmed it. We charged them triple damages. I sent him a letter on it, pictures, he paid it and that was it. The first one we had, this is hard to believe, we had the Class B weight limit sign up on both ends of Wilshire, we'd spent almost a half million dollars doing Wilshire, engineering. And this was one of Laddick's guys, came right through the Class B sign and unloaded a caterpillar right on that new blacktop. The tracks were right there. You know what happens? These people who live along there watch that road and we had calls right away on that and we had them.

Stemen That's the important thing, to get the calls.

Holdridge If you redo a road, citizens take a real personal interest in that road. But I think on our speed limits, they're all up-to-date.

Lucht Okay. On #3, should I leave that one the same until you provide me with a new policy on bike/pedestrians?

Holdridge You'll have a comprehensive policy. We have in the budget one of those signs that gives you your speed and we've got provisions of putting along the way (*signs*) reminding people that this is a multi-use road.

Stemen Is that a mobile unit?

Holdridge Yes, you can pull it around. So we're not just picking up bikers, walkers and joggers, we think we've got people that drive too fast.

Stemen We know we do.

Lucht Okay. Chapter 4: Utilities and Community Facilities Element – I didn't really see anything wrong with the introduction

Holdridge That whole business about water supply is going to be drastically changed because we had a Water Study Advisory Committee and one of the pages (*of the report*) has the recommendations. One of them is the one that we mentioned earlier, all this testing in a part of Hull. Another one pertains to the (*monitoring*) wells, locating where they are at so we can get a feel for the quantity.

Bowen I think rather than including a big segment in there on all the information that was put together on that Water Study, you can put the Water Study Task Force Report as an appendix, with a reference in. Get the whole study in there.

Holdridge Or at least get the recommendations in there.

Lucht I'll still mention in there that it happened because I have down here protection of water sources needs to be added.

Holdridge The same could hold for that Public Safety Task Force. We can reference it and have it in the appendix.

Lucht Okay, C: Storm Water Management.

Syens Chuck, back up to B for just a second. "All known landfills, except the current County Landfill located on County Road QQ have been closed." QQ has been closed, has it not?

Holdridge The first landfill off of Hwy. 10, yes, that's been closed. They have a transfer station out there. They're monitoring it. Chuck, maybe what you could say is, "all known landfills have been closed".

Bowen John can fill you in on D. That's the change.....

Lucht C: Storm Water Management- we just changed some text in the ordinance at the County that says anything that is one acre or more that is disturbed has to have storm-water review. I was going to write something for that.

Holdridge Would you do that? That would be good.

Lucht I'll insert that. Solid Waste Recycling: Jeff had an idea that since you are so involved with the Solid Waste Recycling, John, maybe you could work with someone here and get a good description of what is done for solid waste recycling in the County since you are so familiar with it. It doesn't have to be huge, but a little more than one paragraph.

Stemen We're not with Wittenberg anymore either.

Lucht I was also going to add a section on how to get rid of electronics now because you can't just dump them in the garbage anymore.

Holdridge I think most people take them to Best Buy for \$10.

Lucht You can dump off 3 pieces at Best Buy for \$10 but they give you a \$10 card to use there. I use that one often.

Reid Fluorescent light bulbs are another one.

Lucht E: Corporate Utilities – 4.1 – we have updated where the cell towers are at, any new line work that has been done. There wasn't a whole lot to add to that one except for some telecommunications towers. All these maps, by the way, are updated with the new annexations so that the boundaries are right.

Bowen Should there be a reference to the map?

Lucht It's the next page on the right side so it's self-referencing. So I'll update E with location. #2 Gas and Electric Power, I'll update that. Usually the one that gets the most change is the telephone and internet service. Is it still Ameritech or do you guys get it from more sources now?

Holdridge We get ours from Charter.

Bowen It says several providers so it's.....

Holdridge I don't think people get cable west of the I-39.

Reid We did, satellite....

Holdridge But west of I-39, I don't think they get it. I don't think Dave Pederson gets it.

Bowen But you know it changed to AT&T instead of SBC-Ameritech. They changed the name, you might want to check on that.

Holdridge Bob, do you get cable?

Bowen No.

Holdridge You could get it but you have satellite or something?

Bowen I just get what's available with an antenna.

Reid We had cable at one time.

Bowen I think cable goes by my place.

Stemen Down Old Wausau Road, I don't have it.

Lucht Section 4.3: The municipal building.

Holdridge Add there that the Town is planning to remodel the municipal building.

Lucht Then maybe next time we meet, you'll have some more details on that?

Holdridge We may well have.

Lucht B: Police Protection, I'm not sure if they still do the 2 officers in a car on each side of the river with one floating around at night.

Bowen It's something you'll have to check on.

Holdridge Two officers in a car, on North Second?

Stemen I don't see the officers out there like I used to.

Lucht Section 4.3 – Community Facilities: I'm going to go back through and look at the park plan and add any parks that I can find and boat landings and put them on here.

Holdridge We haven't added any parks.

Lucht No, but maybe I didn't put them on from when I...maybe I did some stuff when I did the park plan and now I can add some of those facilities in here.

Bowen You have to replace this map anyway.

Lucht Right. I have a 4.2 with us tonight but I've got to make sure I go through the park plan but I think it's up to date, the one I sent her (*Patty*). That would have any changes to the Green Circle Trail, Town of Hull cemetery, anything we've forgotten in the past that we need to add.

Lucht C: Fire Protection:

Bowen The metro plan if that goes though....

Holdridge Let's not put that in there. We're investigating it.

Lucht It'll probably be awhile before we get done working on this so is it likely that there is a length of time where we will add that in? Come back to it?

Holdridge You've got this ISO rating of 7, based on a 1-10 scale. You'd have to talk with Mark to get that one.

Bowen I think that is related to insurance.

Syens Yes it is. I was thinking it was an 8 but I don't have my details with me.

Holdridge Doesn't it depend upon where you live and close to the hydrant, etc.?

Syens The fire department gets an overall rating. Hopefully I'll have time tomorrow to call the ISO and talk to them.

Lucht Could you get me a list of fire equipment in Hull?

Stemen Is it just vehicles or what are you looking for?

Lucht Everything associated with the fire and rescue.

Holdridge We can get that for you Chuck.

Lucht Because they all end up at the same building that's burning anyway.

Holdridge We have a list of equipment.

Lucht Forward that to me when you get a chance. E: Schools: that is for me to update. That goes for 2 ½ pages all the way to the UW. The Mid-State has to get updated because they're making a move. F: Parks- anything that goes with parks, that's for me to update unless there's something with parks you guys need me to work on.

Holdridge Are there any parks in Hull?

Lucht Jordan Park but I believe that's a county park. But if there are any issues associated with it....

Holdridge I would say, Hull has gradually updated their parks with new equipment and say it's not a big budget item. They've got a great Parks Commission, people get out there and plant trees for you. What have we got, 7 parks?

Bowen Nine listed on here. It says city, village and town. You may have 7 and the other may be over in Stevens Point. Is Conifer Acres more developed or is it still underdeveloped? It's #9 on the map.

Holdridge I think that's one that is joined in with the city.

Amman No, I think that would be Eastwood Park.

Holdridge Eastwood does too but over there off of where Jim Krems lives, there are 2 of those that back up to

Bowen Is Treder's Woodland Park where they're going to put the gas station?

Holdridge I think that is right behind Target. The health care facility, you probably need to update that; about the corner of Hwy. 66 and I-39.

Lucht Yes, I have a note in here on that.

Reid And Rice Medical Center isn't Rice Medical Center anymore. It's Ministry Medical Group, then you've got Aspirus.

Stemen Marshfield Clinic too.

Reid And it's Ministry / St. Michael's Hospital.

Holdridge In your summary of findings, #8 is the one that is.... but there may be some actual cooperation on the parks. Parks that back up to one another and I think there might be some joint planning on equipment and so forth.

Lucht If you can get me any details, even if just short blurbs, that would be helpful.

Bowen In A-2, you might want to put in your new ordinance on storm water management, you were saying one acre or something like that.

Holdridge We don't hardly ever get into that, storm-water management.

Lucht Right. Almost every place inside the shoreland zoning gets reviewed for storm-water. If someone decides they're going to put a trucking business in or any kind of business and they're going to put a parking lot of some sort in, it's real easy to disturb an acre

Holdridge We've got a couple of subdivisions that had to have storm-water management.

Lucht Right, or if somebody is going to come in and put a monster house in and they're going to cut down a bunch of trees and put in a lawn and that kind of thing. Like where they put in that cul-de-sac up north and they grubbed the trees, cutting trees. I guess that would be just considered logging. If you're doing it for commercial or residential purposes, either one. It at least gets looked at.

Holdridge I know that's a bigger issue than it used to be.

Lucht The natural storm-water management runoff; your water table can be very low and your land surface very flat. I don't know what you can do about that.

Bowen Make deeper holding ponds.

Lucht They fill up. When I look at the police coverage, I will address #2 in B. You guys give me a list of equipment and any information you have on your fire service. I'll look at that metro thing and see what it tells me. Utilities: as far as I understand, Chris Mrdutt tells me there's very little we can do about utilities burying their lines in the right-of-way. I guess they have the right to do that.

Holdridge Every time they want to run a line to a house, Public Service sends us a request.

Lucht Right but in the case of cable and electricity I think they can run lines even if they've got to hook up later. There's something about utilities that

Holdridge They may have some grandfathered stuff in there but as far as I know, we control the right-of-way. All the cable regulations are out of Washington.

Lucht I'll check with Chris on it and see what he says. Long-term Goals:

Bowen They look pretty good.

Holdridge That #3 is.....we keep hammering on that. Do you really need that equipment? Doesn't Stevens Point have it?

Lucht Okay, Short-Term Goals:

Bowen #1 had already been done but, I mean they're going to provide information when your report is published. The Water Task Force.

Holdridge Then on #2, we constantly send our guys to the Digger Hotline so they understand the dangers there.

Bowen On #3 I would suggest just to add, "Continue to recognize Hull students...."

Holdridge We've got 3 schools doing that. PJ's does Wilshire, Bannach does Brilowski Road for the last 20 years, then we've got SPASH doing North Second Drive. SPASH also does North Point. They don't do that?

Stemen They don't do any of it John. I tell you the garbage gets thrown out every day....

Holdridge No, but wait.....

Stemen They clean up once a year. The garbage is there, we pick up the garbage, the residents do.

Holdridge From the students, but what I'm saying is these are students who in the fall and spring go out and pick up.

Stemen But we pick it up every day because the kids come through every day and throw it out.

Holdridge That's different than what we're talking about.

Bowen Littering versus.....

Holdridge There's no question they're messy.

Stemen Last Thursday, there were ducks laying all over the road. I didn't see who did it but I have a very good idea that the school kids come through and run them down.

Holdridge Ducks?

Stemen Yes, ducks. That's your safety John. So I was heading down there with my wheelbarrow to go pick them all up and Barry comes driving from the other way and wanted to know what happened. I said, "Well Barry, I didn't see it this time but I have a very good idea of what happened."

Holdridge They were going to Bukolt.

Stemen They were going to Bukolt. So we picked up, Barry picked up all the ducks and had another guy with him.

Bowen Who is Barry?

Stemen Barry Meister with the DNR. So he picked up all the ducks, threw them in the back of his truck. Then he went around and picked up the truck parts that got broke off the truck and he was going to head to SPASH and see if he could match them up with which truck hit them. I've been looking in the paper but haven't seen anything.

Holdridge So what they did was they saw these ducks crossing the road and just floored it?

Reid They were all over the pavement.

Stemen You know where the lagoon is right by the cemetery by our house, well they'll come out there and there might be 100 of them laying on the road sleeping. Or, if they're walking across the road to get to the other side of the road to get away from the river side. I've seen the kids come down there and they step on it when they see all those ducks.

Holdridge Was this just recently?

Stemen It was last Tuesday or Wednesday, yes.

Lucht E. the last section here....

Bowen Deal with the "should have" again.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: *The next Plan Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. (there will be no Plan Comm. meeting in March).*

Holdridge Remember, no meeting in March, we're meeting again in April. I still want to get Patty Drier and Chuck's boss out here and share the frustrations we have.

Stemen John, where does Patty (*Drier*) fit into the Town of Hull?

Bowen She lives in Hull.

Holdridge She is the County Executive. She has authority over Chuck's boss, over the highway department boss.

Stemen That would be a good one to get out here.

8. ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Al Stemen to adjourn meeting, seconded by LaVerne Syens. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Hull, Portage County

