The Comprehensive Planning Committee was called together on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 in the Banquet Hall of JR’s Bar and Grill in the Village of Big Falls. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeremy Schoenike at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:  Jeremy Schoenike, Rich Mueller, Dean Opperman, Stefan Shoup, Ryan Brown and Carol Myers were present
ABSENT:  Keith Myers

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:  Motion to approve agenda by Shoup/Opperman; carried.
APPROVE MINUTES:  of October 18, 2016 meeting as presented; Mueller/Opperman; carried.
REVIEW AND DISCUSS January 21, 2016 minutes, amend if necessary:  Committee reviewed and discussed statement regarding the Family Cemetery Ordinance, and it was decided the minutes were correct as presented.  No action taken.

This meeting was called to order to discuss and take possible action on updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Ryan Brown, Waupaca County Zoning Administrator, brought maps and explained the differences between using Planning District maps vs. the Zoning Districts we use now.  Planning District maps would save money for landowners as approved rezone requests would not require a comprehensive plan amendment.  This committee would not give up any control of any requests brought before them; any rezone requests would still require the committee and town board to sign off on them.  The Committee also discussed opening up town corridors for consistency; and broadband coverage.  Areas on the current maps which would allow residential growth on smaller parcels (AWT) are not consistent.  It appears some land owners on the designated corridors were allowed AWT, as others were not.  The committee will discuss this further.

Given the necessity of internet access, the committee felt it should include Broadband language in the Comp. Plan.  This could possible place our town ahead of others when broadband vendors are looking to expand in rural areas.  Committee members are to assess the town assets- tall structures, towers, etc. which are already in place which could be used to provide broadband.

There is some ‘dated’ wording in the plan which should be removed.
Making the above changes to our Comprehensive Plan would require a hearing and board approval.

Ryan told the committee that population of Waupaca County is getting older, and it is harder to find manufacturing workers.

The next meeting will be called as needed

MOTION TO ADJOURN:  Mueller/Opperman 6:47 PM

Submitted,
Carol Myers, Clerk

Meeting notice posted on the website and at JR’s.