

**Town of Menomonie Plan Commission Report for 2015
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The Plan Commission held six monthly meetings in 2014, down from 11 the previous year. With the Board's permission, we continued work on other township needs. We thank the Board for support and encourage the Board to continue to be proactive in planning for the future.

Two long term major projects were completed this year: zoning and the comprehensive plan. As chairman I would like to recognize the effort and time put in by the other Commission members: Bob Colson, Neil Koch, Earl Wildenberg, Lisa Pelnar, Marty Ondrus, and Kent Jackson. I am grateful for their cooperation and effort. Thanks also to Leslie for her attendance at the meetings. Sally Casper left the commission and I am grateful for the time, insights, and sense of humor that she shared with us. Thanks Sally.

CSM's and RELAED REQUESTS

There was only one request for a CSM this year. This compares with two in 2014, five in 2013, one in 2012, six in 2011, and eight in 2010.

There was one request for a zoning change. The request was to change from GA to R2. This was sent to the board for approval.

There was one request for a special exception for a cement plant in a GA zone. That was also sent to the Board for approval.

Zoning

In March, 2014, the PC held a public hearing, adjustments were made after public input, and a final recommendation was made to the Board. The PC had several requests for changes in zoning after the map was approved. The Plan Commission and Board worked with the residents to try to accommodate their requests.

In 2015 the Town zoning was completed and another public meeting was held June 25, to get input from Town residents. Then the final proposed zoning map was sent to the Board for final approval.

Comprehensive Plan

The comprehensive plan was completed and sent to the Board in March and finalized.

Going Forward

In the coming year the PC will be looking at the impact of zoning changes in the Town, especially in the GC zone.

The PC should make good use of the new website in order to improve communication with the Town's residents.

Potential challenges

The state legislature has been considering more legislation that would make it difficult for local governments to regulate growth or environmental concerns.

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Plan Commission Chair