

Minutes of the Sustainable Neenah Committee
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
5:30 P.M.
Hauser Committee Room, City Administration Building
and Microsoft Teams

Present: Committee Co-Chairs Jeff Linski and Carol Kasimor, Committee members Holly Folyer, Becky Heidke Kwiatkowski, Dave Rause, and Tayler Roal. **Also Present:** Ryan Walter, Neenah High School; Samantha Farag and Amber Vidanagamage, Neenah.

Presentation on Neenah High School Prairie Restoration Project:

Ryan Walter reported on the prairie restoration project being developed at Neenah High School by Walter, fellow teacher Nathaniel Blood and with the assistance of students. A habitat restoration plan has been completed with the assistance of Merjent, and 9 acres have been planted thus far. The total project area is 107 acres. Fundraising and community education is being undertaken, including a request to be present at the Future Neenah Farm Market this summer. An opportunity to learn more about the project will be available on the site on June 10.

Public Appearances: Samantha Farag and Amber Vidanagamage were present to learn more about the committee and its activities.

Approval of minutes of the May 28, June 25, July 23, September 24, October 22, 2025 and February 25, 2026 meetings:

MSC, Rause, Linski, the minutes of the meetings were approved as distributed.

Discussion of information and education projects:

Rain barrel project – Committee members would like to obtain additional plastic barrels to distribute to Neenah residents this spring for use as rain barrels.

Committee members discussed sponsorship of the Neenah Farm Market in 2026. Presenters will be sought for use of the sites available to the committee as a sponsor.

Energy efficiency program – Committee members will further discuss services to residents looking to reduce home energy loss.

Approval of expenditures:

MSC Rause, Linski, the committee approved the expenditure of \$1,000 for the sponsorship of the 2026 Future Neenah Farm Market.

Announcements and future agenda items:

Next meeting:

Rain barrel program

Energy efficiency projects

Membership

Sustainability projects in Comprehensive Plan

Adjournment: MSC Linski, Roal, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner