



## VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

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### **SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

- 1) Call to order  
Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present: White, Grabe, Best, Saltes, Roethle and Fendrick. Members Absent: Beheler. Also present; Administrator Owen.
- 2) Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items\*  
None
- 3) Consent Agenda  
Motion by Saltes to recommend approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Best. Motion carried.
  - a. Consideration of December 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes
  - b. Green Team Update
  - c. Green Tier Legacy Community Update
  - d. Sustainability Plan Update
- 4) Agenda Items
  - a. Bird City Update  
Beheler has submitted the application, but we have not heard back on approval. We know we will achieve recognition but are unsure if we have enough points to achieve High Flyer status. The committee expressed their appreciation for Beheler's work on preparing and submitting the application.
  - b. Review and Approval of Final Energy Plan  
The committee said the Energy Plan was very detailed and provided a great resource for energy efficiency improvements. Motion by Best to recommend approval of the Energy Plan to the Village Board, seconded by Rothle. Motion carried. The plan will go to the Village Board on February 4th for consideration.

c. Review of Proposed Landscape Standards for Village Zoning Code Rewrite

Grabe presented the suggested recommendations to the native planting section of the landscaping code. There were some preferred native grasses to those listed and a pear tree she would like removed as a preferred species. Slaters recommended some additional language encouraging the use of native plants in general and protecting the northwest tributary to the Sugar River watershed. The committee was in favor of the changes. Administrator Owen will submit to Planner Rohr for consideration of inclusion in the new standards.

d. Outdoor Lighting Ordinance Update

The committee reviewed the draft standards and additional comments by Scott Lindd and were in favor of their inclusion in the zoning code rewrite.

e. Discussion/Approval of SNR Article

The committee reviewed the draft article on the Bird City designation and were in favor of submittal for publication. The committee also felt the dates at the end of the article could be submitted separately prior to each event for calendar updates in the paper.

f. Styrafoam Recycling Progress

Grabe reported that the Styrafoam recycling page is now up and running and residents can request a pickup through the website. Administrator Owen will look into the possibility of sharing the information on our website.

g. Food Waste Compost Site Progress

Grabe reported that costs were prohibitive of having the contractor that built the collection structures for the County do one for Mount Horeb. They are looking into alternatives. They have funding for a limited time, but the funding organizations want to see statistics on successful use before providing additional funding.

h. Bike Friendly City Update

Roethle provided a draft bicycle and pedestrian safety plan. He provided draft North/South and East/West Routes and is open to feedback. Questions were raised about the grade of the routes, as that is a big factor in bikability of routes in Mount Horeb. Roethle also added he has reached out and is trying to meet with the Chief of Police for his feedback. Administrator Owen thought it would be a good thing for the Public Safety Committee to discuss as well. The Committee thanked Roethle for his work on the plan.

5) Future Agenda Items

Future Agenda items include: Bike City and Bird City updates, Energy Plan Implementation, Sustainability Plan Update, Green Tier Update, Landscaping Update, and Solar Group Buy Discussion.

6) Meeting adjournment.

Motion by Best to adjourn, seconded by Roethle. Motion carried. 8:16 pm.