

DCTA Membership Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Middleton Town Hall
7555 W. Old Sauk Road
Verona, WI 53593

Called to order by President Derr at 7:05 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Middleton Supervisor, Tim Roehl.

John Van Dinter was recognized for his 26 years of town of Westport service. He is not running for reelection. He was thanked for his service.

Bob Thomas was recognized. He passed away on the 17th. He was Chair of the town of Ridgeway in Iowa County and a WTA district director. He is missed.

Representative Diane Hesselbein was recognized. She was asked to give an update on transportation funding. She is not sure what the state leadership plans. She noted that she has several listening sessions on Feb 11th. Mark Hazelbaker complemented her on her civility during the debate and passing of the town opt out legislation.

Roll call 12 towns present: Black Earth, Blue Mounds, Bristol, Cottage Grove, Dunkirk, Middleton, Primrose, Springfield, Sun Prairie, Vermont, Verona, Westport.

DaneCom Discussion. Doug Meir, one of DCTA's DaneCom Governing Board Representative led the discussion with Kevin Fosso, Dane County Assistant Operations and 911 Manager.

There are over 7,700 radios registered in the new system and overall coverage is reported to be excellent. There are still a few places that don't have coverage. Differences between the old and new system were discussed.

How DaneCom can benefit towns was discussed. Town patrolmen can use the radios to talk directly with the Dane County Sheriffs or EMS providers. They can then plow roads if an ambulance needs to get someplace or can work to open up roads if there is a downed tree or flooding. Several towns are using the radios.

Radio cost sheets were handed out. Both Gencom and Motorola will loan towns radios to try out. The Gencom and Motorola radio prices are state negotiated. What is a little more flexible is programming costs. Doug proposed a template to save costs.

Operations and Maintenance Costs. This topic is on the DaneCom Governing Board meeting next Tuesday. Appropriate allocations options were discussed - populations, radio ownership, system use. Data sheets with number of radios and population and radios per population were handed out. Charging based on radios might be a disincentive for towns to purchase radios. Rates based on traffic on the system could also have disincentives.

The contract with the County was discussed. Mark stated that he doesn't believe a court would rule the way the contract opinion letter reads. He doesn't think the contract is binding.

Current payments were discussed and what entity will pay for those that aren't paying in. Payments by for profit companies operating in Dane County on a daily basis were questioned. Over all, towns need to feel they are being listened to and treated fairly or they won't pay.

Welcome Sheriff Mahoney - The Sheriff was asked if private security firms use the DaneCom system. He answered no, they do not use the system. He was also asked for his opinion on the new system. He stated that the issues with the system are being addressed and are being fixed - for the most part it is working better. He also stated that since the first of the year he is making his rounds to as many of the town meetings as he can. He has added task force positions - officers that can go where they are needed.

Drug use and lack of mental health treatment and facilities was discussed at length.

Strategies to lower speed limits on town roads were discussed. Sun Prairie was asked by residents to lower the limit. They retained a private engineer who wrote a letter stating it would be prudent based on their observations to lower the speed limit. State statute allowing towns to reduce the speed limit by 10 mph without state approval was a discussed.

Capital Area Regional Planning Commission Services, Steve Steinhoff, CARPC Deputy Director

Steve introduced Matt Cover, Community Planner, and acknowledged Kris Hampton, DCTA CARPC Commissioner.

Steve reviewed 2016 Highlights including mission and vision statements and strategies. He noted that the USA amendment process was revised separating the vote on amending the Water Quality Plan and Land Use and Transportation Plan. He shared a pie chart of the CARPC work estimate for 2017 and noted that USA amendments are a small portion of what they do. CARPC is currently focusing on listening sessions.

Steve listed and reviewed CARPC planning services. He was asked if CARPC help towns with Comprehensive Plan updates? A: Yes. He was also asked if CARPC can help towns that opt out with GIS mapping? A: Correct.

Naming the current vision work CARPC is doing "A Great Madison Vision" was discussed.

The proposed roadway north of Madison was discussed.

Redistricting - changes in the county with Windsor becoming a village and towns that have left DCTA need to be considered in DCTA districts. This is on the agenda to let towns know DCTA is going to take a look at it.

Updates

Renee gave update - see attachment

Tim Roehl gave an update on a December 20, 2016 meeting with Mark Hazelbaker, Keeley Moll DATCP Policy Advisor, and Keith Foye DATCP Director Bureau of Land and Water, in charge of the Farmland Preservation Program, and Alison Volk DATCP administration. The meeting was held at

the state capitol in Representative Keith Ripp's office. DATCP has reviewed Draft 7 of the zoning code for approval for the Farmland Preservation program. DATCP representatives were impressed with the work product and with all of the work done by the towns. We were fully assured that everything is on track to have town programs approved and in place by January 1, 2018. Opt out towns will have to provide maps and individual town contracts. Mark will be getting that information from Keith.

Jerry Derr discussed state legislation and a move to get rid of the Cooks Valley case. If the entire case is thrown out licensing authority, that is good for towns, would go with it. We will probably see state regulation for air and water and blasting - statewide standards. There is a lot of stuff going on behind the scenes and we are trying to participate in that as much as we can.

Betty Manson- WTA District Director. Betty reminded everyone of the upcoming February district meetings, Capitol Day 3/15, the association is getting another new attorney starting on 5/1, and the 3rd addition of the town official handbook is coming out. She asked towns about IOH - do you issue permits, is there any enforcement? There is a sunset on the current legislation and there is a state legislator that wants to make it permanent. One town noted an instance where the sheriff did talk to a person for them. A few towns have issued permits - but they are not really enforced. Concern that a new law might increase weight limits was expressed. There were no issues with making the law permanent.

Lyle Updike, Lakes and Watershed Commission - Lyle reported on a Lakes and Watershed Technical Advisory Committee with CARPC that is looking at storm water and infiltration issues. Recommendations are due out soon. Mitigation is being discussed. There will be public hearings and discussion encouraged. The Commission is continuing to work on Phosphorus, Groundwater, and Chlorides (posters, flyers and you tube videos on salt application are available).

Motion: Roehl/Brixy. Reappoint Lyle Updike to be the DCTA representative on the Lakes and Watershed Commission. Carried unanimously. Lyle was thanked for his service.

Adjourned 9:58

Next membership meeting May 17th