

DCTA Executive Board
January 21, 2015 – 7:00 PM
Blooming Grove Town Hall
1880 South Stoughton Road
Madison, WI 53716

Present: Derr, Lee, Pulvermacher
Also: Hazelbaker, Lauber

The meeting did not have a quorum. The following items were discussed.

Approve Minutes from 10/22/14 and 12/10/14 – no action taken

Review and Approve Financial Statements – The financial statements were reviewed. To date ten towns have paid 2015 dues. Doing town visits again after the April elections was suggested. The group discussed appointing an audit committee to meet with Mark. Lyle Updike and Greg Hyer should be asked.

Resuming dinner meetings was discussed. Options for a location for the May meeting - including the Tilted Kilt, Halversons, Green Acre, Rexes in Wauanakee, Fitzgeralds in Sun Prairie. Mark will invite Mike Koles to the February Membership Meeting.

Review and Approve 2015 meeting calendar - The calendar was approved by President Derr.

Review substitute amendment to OA 54 Amending Chapter 7 of the Dane Co. Code of Ordinances, Regarding Procedure for Conditional Use Permit Appeals (ZLR is scheduled to take this up on 2/10/15) – An email dated 12/10/14 from Patrick Miles to Renee Lauber including suggested changes to OA 54 drafted by Supervisor Matano was reviewed. Consensus was that it makes sense to remove the CUP appeal process and give applicants the right to go directly to court. Mark will write a memo and poll the Executive Board on the issue. Renée will update Patrick Miles.

Update on DATCP Farmland Preservation issue – There was no update on action from Nancy Mistle's office. There are rumors that the office might be cut in the upcoming budget.

Licensing Manure Digesters – Mark shared an article titled “Clear Horizons Manure Digester: Public Funds Wasted on Huge Fiasco,” *The Milkweed*, January 2015 and noted that you should not regulate what you sell. The need to explore a model ordinance for towns was discussed. Mark noted that the Pennsylvania Department of Ag and Environment treats them stringently. They need containment berms etc. Jim stated that towns need to consider the traffic impacts. A licensing ordinance and permit would bring things under the control of a town not the county. Licensing ordinances are retroactive – they can require things of existing facilities. Mark will do a presentation on this topic at the February Membership Meeting.

What will happen if there is a move by Legislature to strike Cooks Valley decision?

Update on IOH – The window of regulation has closed for a year so we will sit back and see what the legislature does.

Review need for cell tower ordinances – Jim reported that Vermont recently passed a cell tower ordinance. They felt that the Dane County ordinance was lacking in some state and federal provisions. Mark will review Vermont's ordinance and report back.

Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC)

- Review Realtors Association Facilitated meeting – Renee reported on a meeting facilitated by the realtors association to discuss issues with CARPC and options for the future. She will check with Phil to see if there will be future meetings.

- Joe Ball Resignation- Jerry asked Renee to send a notice asking for applications – due in February. Since Kris Hampton replaced Bob Wipperfurth, Kris' appointment is technically up in May. The group discussed offering to move Kris to Joe's seat so that Kris could serve for an additional year and the new appointee could have a 3 year term. Jerry will talk to Kris.

State Legislation – opting out of county zoning

Renee gave an update on a meeting she had with Josh Wescott. She will work to set up a meeting with Joe Parisi.

Agenda for February 18, 2015 Membership Meeting

- Ask reps to give updates
- Invite Mike Koles to present