

DCTA Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Madison Town Hall

2120 Fitch Hatchery Road

Madison, WI

Present: Derr, Pulvermacher, Roehl, Wilson, Olson, Elkins

Also Present: Hazelbaker, Lauber

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 7:06 pm.

Review and Consider 2017 Budget. Revenue and expenditures were reviewed.

Motion: Wilson/Olson. Adopt revenue budget (updated with DOA Equalized value numbers, same allocation formula) and expenditures. Carried unanimously.

Elkins arrived.

Mark Hazelbaker requested out-of-pocket expense reimbursement for \$1,200 for work on the opt out bill. Expenses include mileage, parking and lunches.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Roehl. To approve \$1,200 expense reimbursement. Mark will provide detailed expense report. Carried unanimously.

Discussion of Dane County zoning staff going out and looking for violations. Board members requested plan to soften the process and know more about how violations are enforced. Is it complaint driven or do staff drive through and look for violations? Mark noted that in the new zoning code home based businesses are permitted uses - you don't need a zoning change or CUP. Discussion continued on how the county decides when to enforce something and the loss/deterioration of barns because of lack of business revenue. The Board directed Renée to talk about the situation with Todd Violante. Specifically the impact on very small businesses. The perception is that little business are being called out and larger businesses left alone.

Review and Consider official comment on process of appealing a CUP

Renée explained how the DCTA acted on this proposed change during the committee process and worked with staff to amend the proposal and have the appeal go to the Board of Adjustments instead of circuit court. Circuit court was viewed as an expensive and time consuming process. The BOA is a well-regarded body made up of appointed town officials. They already act in a quasi-judicial capacity and have detailed procedures and action timelines.

Motion: Wilson/ Pulvermacher. Approve proposed CUP appeal change to Board of Adjustments. Request leaving sentence in lines 63 - 66 regarding other entities jurisdiction for appeal. Carried unanimously.

Review and Consider official comment on proposal for official record documents for ZLR

Consensus was that the DCTA is good with this proposed path for official records and encourages Dane County to continue with proposal.

Board members noted that while Dane County is changing ZLR procedures, they should also make changes to allow town officials to speak at ZLR meetings. Our understanding is that ZLR rules currently only allow town officials to speak if they are asked a question by a member of the ZLR. Town officials should be allowed to comment at ZLR meetings, especially when a petition is amended or changed. Town comments should be a standard right - not the result of a commissioner asking a question.

DaneCom Update

Positive comments on DaneCom have been received from a DCCVA survey and Steve Anders. However, the comments do note that we should wait a few more weeks to make sure things continue to go well before official comment. DCTA was invited by DCCVA to a press conference on DaneCom. Jerry plans to attend when it is scheduled. The DaneCom contract was discussed. There was consensus that conversation about a new contract is over. We are operating without a new contract. We disagree with the DCCVA and County interpretation that the old contract is still valid. We need to keep an eye on the allocation of O&M charges as the initial contract formula was to charge towns for the towns that do not pay. This cost allocation issue is one that DCTA will follow.

Town Zoning Update - Mark stated that a final version of the zoning code will be sent out by early next week. A draft contract from GE was received, Renee will send it to the DCTA Board for review.

8:38 Meeting adjourned.