

**Minutes**  
**DCTA ANNUAL Membership MEETING**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 7:00 PM**  
**Bristol Town Hall, 7747 County Hwy N, Sun Prairie, WI**

After a delightful meal of brats, chili, fruit and fixings prepared by Jerry Derr the meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Derr.

**14 towns present:** Albion, Berry, Blue Mounds, Bristol, Cottage Grove, Dunkirk, Medina, Middleton, Rutland, Springfield, Sun Prairie, Vermont, Verona, Vienna, and Westport.

**Presentation by Barbara Furstenberg, Secretary, Dane County Historical Society.** Jerry Derr shared a display of Bristol's handwritten town record books dating back to 1848 and Dane County Towns Association ledgers from 1975.

The Dane County Historical Society is located at the Lussier Center, south of the beltline. Bill Clark the County Extension Agent was the motivation behind the start of the Society in the 1970's. Historical records is what they focus on. They have a library and archives including private collections, church records, and institutional papers. They also have an historic marker program, and are always looking for new ideas for markers. Marker examples include Sun Prairie for the first county post office.

The Society has a quarterly newsletter, has published a book, Forward, on the history of Dane County and have a new book out on the history of the Dane County Lakes.

An open house is scheduled for 11/5 at the Lussier Center with a medical historian talking about the 1918 influenza outbreak. They have a part-time office manager that takes appointments to review materials - no set office hours.

Barbara is at the DCTA meeting because the Society is rethinking their purpose and it struck them that they need more information from towns. They are looking for people that know their communities history and are looking for new members and board members. New initiatives include looking for historic businesses - specifically taverns to publicize.

Barbara engaged the meeting in a short discussion on town records, how they are stored, how they can be viewed and suggested adding info on what townships have in their records to their website. Town representative noted that town cemetery information would also be useful and putting old town maps on line would be helpful.

**DaneCom Update - Rich McVicar, Technical Services Manager**

Rich handed out and reviewed information slides similar to a presentation given 5 weeks ago at the police training center. He noted that his office is spending a good bit of time reminding people that this (DaneCom) is happening on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Q: Radio reprogramming, will we have to do it more than once?

A: Between now and November 1<sup>st</sup> one reprogramming will be needed. Then, at some point, radios will have to be reprogrammed again to remove the old programming. Over time there will be other updates needed.

Q: Coverage in SW part of county with hills. What kind of coverage will we get?

A: Hills and valleys are difficult. This system will give better coverage but it isn't 100%.

Q: Most of the new towers are on the east side of the county. Why is that when the challenge is on the SW side? What happened to the towers that were discussed being added in SW before?

A: Several sites were looked at and discussed previously. When the modeling was done for these locations, it didn't come up with good answers/coverage. Now we are using the tower at the State Park in Blue Mounds - there will be a link to the state system (this does not involve putting a device on that tower - it is more like using roaming on your cell phone).

Q: What about towns that opted out of paying?

A: We are aware that there are unpaid bills swirling around out there. We are in arrears for \$50,000 or so. We are still paying our vendors and contracts.

Q: Albion thought they would be in a dead zone but now it looks like they will be covered out of Stoughton or Rockdale.

A: Rich explained how about coverage maps work. The white areas on the maps means the area doesn't meet threshold (certain voice and quality measures) - not that there is no coverage.

Q: Do you have a new intergovernmental agreement that you are proposing? The one we had has expired - it was a 3 year agreement. We made all the payments and haven't paid since the agreement expired.

Q: At the Verona meeting (January 2016) we talked with John DeJung about the agreements expiring and that new agreements need end dates and some type of town oversight on the cost and expenditures - there has been no communication on that at all from the county. We also expressed what our deadlines were and budget cycles and we are coming up on that right now.

A: I was not aware of that, but I am not included in all discussions. I will pass that message on.

Suggestions were made for the County to pay for the system as towns pay into the county system anyway.

Q: When this was proposed alternative methods like pay-by-use were discussed. What happened to that?

A: Rich reviewed the charge of the DaneCom Governing Board: 1- determining how to spend build out project money (completed), and 2 - figuring out what the cost allocation model should be for operations and maintenance and how the 70% of costs get divvied up (30% is paid by county). The pay-by-use issue is not being considered yet because we need data to do that. We need the system running for that data. The Governing Board talks about it - it hasn't been forgotten.

Rich ended with a reminder that all information sent out via email, presentations, etc are archived and available at the following website: [dane911.com/danecom](http://dane911.com/danecom)

### **Town Zoning Update**

Tony Varda, Chair Town of Berry and head of the committee working on the new Town Zoning ordinance was introduced. Tony noted that the committee is using the recent Sauk County Zoning Ordinance as a starting point.

For towns that opt out, nothing will change with a property's zoning code until a change request is made. (The existing code will be used until an application for new zoning is approved.) Mapping with Access Dane should be continued the way it is for cities and villages. You will see zoning on the map but have to call the municipality for details of the zoning category. The committee has been meeting every two weeks. The next meeting is 8/31 at 7:00 at the Town of Middleton. They are reviewing the last chapter and a half on the proposed zoning code and address a few outstanding issues. Probably one more meeting and they will be done with the ordinance.

If you are the fence right now consider the County's recent interpretation of the new law requiring that all Comprehensive Plans be adopted without change by the county. When we drafted the legislation we made sure it covered ALL towns whether or not you left. Dane County Corp Counsel is now interpreting that statute to only apply to those towns that opt out of county zoning. If that is any indication of how the county is going to continue on in the future with zoning - consider it.

A draft contract with General Engineering is being reviewed. It provides services for 85% of the fees collected.

Jim Pulvermacher announced that, so far, 9 towns have given notice to opt out.

Tony requested that a copy of the colored chart Dane County Zoning used to show the timeline for opting out be placed on the DCTA website.

Opting out through the comprehensive zoning ordinance re-write process is not the same as opting out through Act 178. If done through the zoning code, the county retains plat review. So towns gain nothing and would still have ZLR review for CMS and plats. Towns are leaving because of ZLR and not getting fair representation.

### **Updates from DCTA appointees on Lakes and Watershed, CARPC, MMSD**

Lyle Updike, Lakes and Watershed Commission Representative - Lakes and Watershed just took action on their budget initiatives going to the county executive. Highlights are:

- urban water quality grants that will look at things like leaf collection a major phosphorus source,
- initiatives on chlorides - Madison Metro is facing their limit on chlorides. We have done a lot of reducing on deicing roads but about 1/2 of chlorides in urban areas comes from parking lots and sidewalks. We are working on training private operators. Also water softener salt reductions and a recommendation that Dane County facilities reduce chloride use in their water softeners.
- strategic engagement coordinator - doing outreach

- money for citizen monitoring equipment. This give us many more data points and thus helps calibrate models used for water quality modeling.

CARPC - Commissioner Kris Hampton - CARPC did a budget and sent it to the BPP but the BPP didn't meet so it went to the County Executive. CARPC is looking at commenting on water quality and land use/transportation at different times. Also being proactive on talking to communities about their comprehensive plans.

MMSD - Commissioner Tom Wilson - CAPRC accepted a contract from MMSD to look at their distribution system - all towns need to look at that work product at the end of this year. It will be for new interceptors for 20 plus years. This is a tool on what annexation to expect. Yahaha Wins project is doing great work - thank you to those that signed on. Looking at long range plans. As Lyle notes, staff is looking at a plan on chlorides.

Motion: Kris Hampton/Jim Pulvermacher. To reappointed Tom Wilson to MMSD.

Wisconsin Towns Association - Jerry Derr - Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm there will be a statewide town hall meeting to talk about sustainable transportation funding. There isn't enough money out there to fix all the roads. Also the convention is the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of October.

Motion to adjourn Kris Hampton/ Mike DuPlayee at 9:10 PM.