

DCTA Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

7:00 pm

Springfield Town Hall

6157 County Highway P

Dane, WI

Present: Jerry Derr, Jim Pulvermacher, Ted Olson, Martha Gibson, Tom Wilson, Manfred Enburg.

Also Present: Renee Lauber

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by President Derr.

Approval of March 21, 2018 meeting minutes (note no April meeting and May was a membership meeting)

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. To approve minutes. Carried unanimously.

Financial Report dated 6/19/18

Motion: Wilson/Pulvermacher. To accept the report. Carried unanimously.

Discuss Department of Revenue shared revenue penalty cases and possible action.

Renee briefly summarized the 4 DOR cases in Dane County. She shared the summary report with Mike Koles and asked him if other towns in WI have had similar experiences with DOR.

Jerry will ask again if this is a statewide problem at the Monday, 6/25/18 WTA Board of Directors meeting. He will also recommend that WTA produce a document that clearly spells out borrowing and how to exceed the levy.

Jerry noted that at Bristol's Annual Meeting they get the authority from town residents to borrow money with no limit (other than what is in the statutes). Borrowing the money allows towns to raise the levy until the debt is retired. The statutory limit is 5% of a town's equalized value.

Having the DOR to come to the next membership meeting to talk about the process is also an option.

Update on CUP memo to Dane County ZLR Chair and request from Cottage Grove for education forum on "acting as a quasi-judicial body for our Plan Commission members."

Jim attended the last ZLR meeting at which this topic was discussed. He reported that Todd Violante prepared a memo for the ZLR with two additional legal opinions on this issue. Renee will forward the memo to the Executive Board. Jim reported that Todd did not see a need to change CUPs to rezones as was requested in the DCTA memo to Mary Kolar. Tom Wilson reported that while DCTA attorney Larsen made that recommendation, there are varying opinions on the need. Implications of the substantial evidence requirement were discussed.

Renee was asked to contact Todd and follow up on the issue and invite him to the next Executive Board meeting.

Education on CUPs was discussed and a training on substantial evidence similar to the board of review training. There is an option of asking Dane County to put on a joint training. Jerry will ask the WTA Board of Directors for materials/training.

Discuss Rural Preservation Education forum and next steps

In general there is seems to be lots of interest in this topic. The meeting definitely increased that interest and was well received. The option of asking Dane County for PDR funding was discussed. Including training on TDRs was also discussed. Consensus was that TDR is a “phase 2” concept and should wait until after some more PDR training. Martha reported a meeting with Josh Wescott to discuss Dane County CRP funding (through a climate change fund) that also touched on PDR funding.

Renee will schedule another PDR/rural preservation forum for November on the east side of the county. Discussing a DCTA policy position on this was brought up. The Executive Board will ask towns about their interest in local funding for PDR. Martha also suggested asking towns about county funding for CRP with climate change funds. These topics could be on the next Membership meeting agenda for input.

Asking MSA to do a seminar on GPS mapping in September was also discussed. Asking them to repeat the asphalt paving seminar was also brought up.

Meeting reimbursement

Consensus to reimburse Jim for 6/12/18 ZLR meeting expenses: parking and 32 miles @.545 (\$17.44)

Other

Renee made some phone calls on insurance for towns. She spoke with a contact Jerry gave her with Rural Insurance and didn't get anywhere. Tom will ask Bob (his deputy) to work on it with Renee. Jerry will bring the topic up at the WTA Board meeting.

Adjourn

Motion: Wilson/Gibson. Adjourn at 8:56 pm. Carried unanimously.