

DCTA Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Springfield Town Hall
6157 County Hwy P, Dane, WI

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by President Derr.

Pledge of Alliance - led by Springfield Town Chair Hoffman.

Update on Town Zoning

13 towns have filed intent to withdraw from Dane County Zoning. A work group led by Tony Varda is drafting a new zoning ordinance. The first draft is scheduled for completion next week and then will go out to the towns for review. For towns that opt out, the current zoning ordinance has been adopted as an appendix to the town zoning ordinance. All existing uses will be permitted and continue. Towns will have to re adopt their comp plans. We have an ordinance amendment to accomplish that that is out for comment right now.

We need to finalize arrangements with our zoning administrator, General Engineering. Things are on track and our target date for full implementation is January 2018.

Retirement

Mark announced that he intends to move on and retire from being the association's council. He has been doing it for 23 years. He recommended Holly Wilson as his replacement.

Transportation Funding, Craig Thompson, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Transportation Development Association

The Wisconsin Transportation Development Association is a statewide not-for-profit, membership based group. Members include people responsible for building and maintaining transportation and users of the system as well. Mr. Derr is the President of the association right now. Our transportation funding issues have been brewing for about a decade. Transportation infrastructure is funded with a user fee based system - car registration and gas tax. The 2014 constitutional amendment now protects this transportation funding. Mr. Thompson noted that the amendment passed with an 80% yes vote.

The "Just Fix It" campaign was reviewed and the recent statewide Town Hall meeting. Thousands of elected official came out to talk about the need a sustainable solution. There are not enough funds to support the necessary infrastructure repairs. The DOT proposed budget increases funds for towns for road repairs, however it reduces funding for interstate highways. The deterioration of the transportation system is affecting all aspects of commerce and will need to be addressed soon.

Mr. Thompson stated that in recent polling education is the number one issue in Wisconsin and transportation is number two. We are \$650 million a year short on maintaining our transportation system - expressed in today's dollars.

Nancy Mistele, Director, Office of Business Development, Wisconsin Department of Administration - Ms. Mistele has heard that Dane County is looking at changes to Ag entertainment. She is concerned that there is not complete and total sharing of code requirements. Commercial building inspectors do not have jurisdiction on ag land. The local control option of building permits isn't being fully utilized. Part of

the code allows a temporary permit issued by the building inspector. So places like wedding barns may obtain building code approval from local municipal inspectors for temporary use of a building rather than obtaining commercial building approvals from the state. Information on this option was passed out and will be sent to towns by the DCTA.

ZLR initiatives:

[Changing CUP Appeal Process - 9/20/16 Memo from Roger Lane Re: Possible change to CUP appeal process](#)

Todd Violante, Dane County Planning Director, explained the current CUP appeal process and issues that the proposed changes would address. The goal is to remove the County Board from the appeal process. The initial proposal was to have CUP appeals go directly to Circuit Court for Certiorari review. Another option is to have the appeal go the Board of Adjustment (BOA). The benefits of the BOA are: be less intimidating for landowners and less expensive if then court.

[How informational material is received as part of public input regarding zoning petitions and conditional use permits 9/20/16 Memo from Roger Lane re: Information contained in the official record as part of a zoning petition or conditional use permit](#)

Roger Lane, Dane County Zoning Administrator, spoke about how informational materials are currently received and the lack of a policy on what is the official record. Currently emails going to many different people, giant pictures delivered to the zoning counter that can't easily be redistributed, handed dirt, etc. He noted the Albion approval was rescinded because the public record was not specific enough - two pages of 700 were missed in the process. Mr. Lane discussed the need for an official record policy with formality and structure as to what constitutes the record. Creating town policies was also suggested.

Comprehensive Re-write Initiatives - Changing Ag Entertainment events from 45 days to 10. Dane County is looking at reducing the number of events allowed under the zoning code.

Roger Lane spoke in favor of the changes. In Dane County, if on a productive farm, ag entertainment is allowed for 45 days under 200 people. We proposed changing that so that once you get past a threshold (10 times) then you need to come to the town and set conditions - like parking - and hours.

Question: have you had a lot of complaints? How big does something have to be to become entertainment? Selling pumpkins on the side of the road?

Answer: Ag entertainment is some type of scheduled event that is advertised and open to the public. Lyle Updike noted that Farm Technology Days had 45,000 in 3 days and didn't need a CUP.

Jerry Derr recognized Chief Bloom, in attendance to discuss DaneCom.

The following information from an email from Josh Wescott, Dane County Executive's Chief of Staff was reviewed and discussed.

*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. **There is no expiration date on the original agreement, and the Towns are legally bound to payment of the amounts owed.***

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. As above, there will not be new agreements. The Governing Board contains representatives of Dane County's Towns and has overseen the financial determinations related to the Agreement. The Governing Board (including the Towns' representatives) will continue to be the oversight body. Also, as the Towns should be aware, they are not paying any additional Operations and Maintenance funds for the improvements made to the system.

Q: \$825,000 limit - includes everyone - what about the numbers sent out. Will it be adjusted to accommodate the towns that aren't paying? Is my assessment, my assessment period or will that change.

Q: We are governmental entities and are paying to support DaneCom. There are private business that are owned and operated within Dane County Ryan Brother's ambulance - that use the 911 system everyday- they use it for free. Why aren't they charging them?

Q: If we wanted to push the issue of the governing board meeting - we want the bill from the governing board? Or Referendum question on ballot - should we continue paying without a contract?

The Highway Department is using the new system. It is up and running and working quite well. Many are waiting on radio reprogramming.