

Minutes
DCTA Executive Board
October 19, 2011 – 7:00pm
Madison Town Hall
2120 Fish Hatchery Road, Madison

Present: Jim Pulvermacher, Steve Schulz, Ted Olson, Tim Roehl, Bob Lee, Pat Downing (arrived 7:10)

Absent: Jerry Derr.

Also Present: Renée Lauber and Mark Hazelbaker.

Called to order by Vice President Schulz at 7:03 pm.

Minutes

Motion: Pulvermacher/Roehl. Approve 9/21/11 minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

Audit Committee

Mark sent emails to Kris Hampton and Greg Hyer asking them to serve on the committee.

Payments to DCTA Exec. Board

The Executive Board has not been paid since Julie Gau left. Mark will get checks to everyone.

Quarterly Meetings with County Executive

The County Executive has agreed to quarterly meetings. The DCTA Executive Board reviewed possible dates and will try to schedule a meeting for 6:00 pm on November 16th at the City County Building.

Items to discuss at the meeting are a long term funding solution for the 911 radio system and CARPC.

Renée will work to set up a February meeting with the Farmland Preservation Plan as the agenda topic.

Draft Farmland Preservation Plan

The subcommittee is meeting on Monday, 10/24 for 15 minutes to act on the 1 year extension request.

Brian Standing has agreed to give a presentation at the November 9th Membership Meeting.

The Executive Board briefly discussed Town growth areas and how they might or might not be allowed into the new Farmland Preservation Program. They discussed not knowing what landowners currently participate in the program and thus the issue of not knowing how to contact them to let them know the program is being revised. Can towns opt out? Specific issues with policies on Page 47 - 1, 4 establishing maximum lot sizes were also discussed.

The Exec. Board decided to postpone further review until after Brian Standing's presentation on November 9th.

Dane Com.

Town Chairs received a letter with a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). The Executive Board expressed opposition to the clause that would redistribute operating and maintenance costs from non participating towns to participating towns. The clause was viewed as a disincentive for participation and as asking for a “blank check” from towns. Ideas for other ways to handle the costs were discussed.

The Executive Board will ask Town Chairs to come to the November 9th meeting to discuss the IGA and work toward a solution that towns can participate in.

Motion: Pulvermacher/ Downing. Send letter to County Executive and copy the DaneCom Governing Board finding that the IGA is totally inappropriate, counterproductive and an undo heavy burden. Ask that the IGA be withdrawn. The DCTA is currently working to get our general membership on board with the new system. The goal is 100% participation of towns. The County Executive and towns, cities and villages all need to sit down at the table and come up with a permanent long term solution. Carried unanimously.

OA 11

The Exec. Board discussed OA 11 and the current staff interpretation of DCO 75.19(6)b that road frontage requires fee simple ownership. Using easements instead of a road frontage requirement could help cluster homes, preserve farmland and remove a requirement that often result in lots using wetlands, steep slopes and other inaccessible areas as road frontage. Renée suggested that four issues regarding the proposal be addressed: 1) How many lots can use an easement? 2) Uses for lots with easements - will easements work for business or commercial zoning?, 3) Requiring maintenance agreements , 4) Need for minimum setbacks from the easement areas?

Motion: Downing/Schulz. Endorse the concept of OA 11 and request DCTA attorney to draft a substitute version that includes maintenance agreements. Carried unanimously.

CARPC

The Executive Board discussed the need to take a serious look at how CARPC is being run and its mission. They discussed the FUDA process and that CARPC appears to be trying to create an umbrella of what development should look like instead of reviewing growth plans to see if they mesh and identify conflicts.

Jim Pulvermacher announced that he has resigned from CARPC’s Policy and Criteria committee.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Downing. Direct Jerry Derr, as President of the DCTA, to move ahead with the hiring a CARPC Executive Director under the current budget by reallocating existing resources. Ask that staff be instructed to change the direction of the FUDA process following directives in the Charter Resolution. The DCTA Executive Board chose this option over pursuing CARPC dissolution. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm.