

Report on October 19th DCTA Meeting

Mark Hazelbaker provided an update on Towns opting out of County Zoning. Thirteen towns have submitted intent to opt out of County Zoning. Next week, the alternative town zoning ordinance should be finalized and distributed for comment. DCTA will be working with town to create extra-territorial agreements with neighboring municipalities. A schedule will be sent out to towns on the necessary actions that need to be taken in order to have towns opt out of County Zoning on January 1, 2018.

Craig Thompson, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Transportation Development Association informed the association about transportation funding. The transportation infrastructure is being funded primarily by user fees, gas tax and vehicle registration. There are not enough funds to support the necessary infrastructure repairs throughout the state. The DOT proposed budget increases funds for towns for road repairs, however reduces funding for interstate highways. The deterioration of the transportation system is affecting all aspects of commerce and will need to be addressed soon.

Nancy Mistel, Director, Office of Business Development, Wisconsin Department of Administration, informed the association that 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 is on the Department of Safety and Professional Services Website.

Todd Violante, Director of Dane County Planning and Development, informed the association that the County is looking at revising the ordinances regarding appeals of Conditional Use Permits. The initial thought 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. It appeared that the Board of Adjustment option would be more appealing to towns. The secondary review by the Board of Adjustment would be less intimidating for landowners and less expensive if they were aggrieved by a decision.

Roger Lane, Dane County Zoning Administrator, informed the association that the County was working on a policy regarding what type of information

is part of an official record for zoning petitions and CUP applications. The association agreed that having a policy for the orderly intake of materials is an essential part of the decision making process.