

Office Hours: The office is generally open at the Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Occasionally meetings or errands may alter that time frame, so you may want to call ahead at 849-7887.

TOWN BOARD MEETING TIMES

The Town Board holds their regular monthly meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall (6157 County Highway P). Agendas are posted at the Town Hall, Bong Excavating and the parking lot at the corner of Church Rd. and Co. Hwy. K and at www.townhall@town.springfield.wi.us. If a meeting time should be changed, it will also be posted. Our official newspapers are the Waunakee Tribune and the Middleton Times-Tribune. To be placed on the agenda contact the Clerk at 849-7887.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meets the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall upon demand. The Commission hears zoning and re-zoning requests, land division requests and amendments to Dane County zoning ordinances. They act in an advisory capacity to the Town Board. Please contact the Clerk to be placed on the agenda and to file the necessary papers for your request.

BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

The Town contracts with the firm "Independent Inspections, LTD." for a building inspector. Office hours are Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Town Hall or call # 1-800-422-5220 anytime. A reminder that permits are required for all new residential, agricultural and commercial buildings. Remodeling also requires a building permit. Re-siding, re-roofing and finishing of interior surfaces (e.g. carpeting) shall be exempt from permit requirements. Dane County also requires zoning and erosion control permits. We suggest that you call 266-4266 with questions regarding their regulations.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Don Hoffman, Chairman
Dave Laufenberg, Supervisor 1
Jim Pulvermacher, Supervisor 2
Art Meinholz, Supervisor 3
Dan Dresen, Supervisor 4
Sherri Endres, Clerk Treasurer
Bernie Laird, Assessor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jeff Gabrysiak, Chair
Jeff Endres
Karen Crook
George Pasdirtz
Elliott Long
Jim Pulvermacher
Scott Laufenberg

Jan Barman, Office Assistant

Mark Grosse, Road Patrolman

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Missouri Tavern's Sponsorship of

"Mae Mefford Scholarship Fund"

The Missouri Tavern would like to offer a scholarship to a local high school student in honor of the late Mae Mefford. The scholarship amount is \$500. Candidates should be: graduating in the spring of 2011, attend Waunakee, Middleton, or Sauk Prairie School District, reside in the Town of Springfield, and plan on furthering their education at a 2-year, 4-year, or technical college. To apply for this scholarship, please send your name, address, telephone number, high school, and future education plans, as well as a one page response to the following statement: "The person that has influenced my life the most is....."

Please send application and response to no later than June 30th:

Mae Mefford Scholarship Fund

7839 Twinflower Drive

Madison, WI 53719

Mae Mefford Scholarship is funded from proceeds of Mae Fest. Missouri Tavern will be hosting their 4th Annual Mae Fest Oct. 8th 2011. Come out to celebrate Mae's birthday and share memories of a wonderful person. We appreciate the cooperation from the Town and neighbors to make this possible.

Public Open House Sponsored by American Transmission Company (ATC)

Thursday, June 30, 2011 from 1-7 p.m.

Waunakee Middle School Cafeteria, 1001 South St. Waunakee, WI

ATC has plans for a high-voltage transmission line in western Wisconsin that would address electric system reliability issues locally and in the Midwest, provide economic savings and support renewable energy policy. The area, from north of La Crosse to northern Dane County, is under review to identify potential corridors for the approximately 150-mile, 345-kilovolt line. The Town of Springfield may or may not be involved as a potential route. Letters have been sent to anyone within 3000' wide potential corridors. ATC would like to invite anyone interested to attend even if you have not received a letter.

Town Road Work for 2011

Bids were awarded to Scott Construction, Inc. and Dean Blum Excavating Inc. for the 2011 road work.

Portions of the following roads will be seal coated:

Sutzfey Circle, Martinsville Rd, Whippoorwill Rd, Barman Rd, Rusty Lane, Pheasant Branch Rd, High Rd, Greenbriar Rd and Blazer Rd.

Portions of the following roads will be wedged, ditch restoration or culvert work:

Pheasant Branch Rd, Enchanted Valley Rd, Meffert Rd, Vosen Rd and Riles Rd.

If you are age 55 and older,

Feel free to check out programs at the Waunakee Senior Center or the Middleton Senior Center. There is a wide variety of events, classes, clubs and groups to join.

There are no residency requirements and no membership fees to participate in the programs offered at either center. There are residency requirements for certain services including case management services, transportation and meals on wheels.

For additional information feel free to call Waunakee #608-849-8385 or Middleton #608-831-2373.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

If you owe the second half of your property tax you should have received a bill from the Dane County Treasurer by now. Make sure you write your check out to the DANE COUNTY TREASURER and mail it to them. The town does not collect taxes during this time. Payment is due by July 31, 2011 or interest and penalty will be charged. If you have questions, please call (608) 266-4151.

What is FUDA?

In 2007, Dane County communities adopted resolutions petitioning the Governor to establish the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission. The resolutions included language stating that CARPC would define a 25-year Future Urban Development Area (FUDA) as a component of the Dane County Water Quality Plan. The purpose of FUDA planning is to protect vital natural resources, promote efficient development, and preserve farmland through cooperative planning for long-term growth.

Currently, two areas of the county are engaged in FUDA planning. The North Mendota FUDA planning area includes the Town of Springfield, the City of Middleton, the Village of Waunakee, and the Town of Westport. The Northern USA FUDA planning area includes the Village of DeForest and the Towns of Windsor and Vienna. Each area has established local steering committees comprised of board members, council members, plan commission members and citizens at large. CARPC staff conduct planning activities under guidance from the Steering Committees and with support from local planning and administrative staff.

Currently, the FUDA process is compiling information about existing conditions of the natural resources and agriculture, establishing projections of land demand to 2035, and identifying areas where that demand could be accommodated. Areas where development can be accommodated include existing developed areas (through infill development and redevelopment), within developable areas in the existing Urban Service Areas, and within an area beyond the Urban Service Areas but within the extra-territorial zoning authority of the cities and villages. The Existing Conditions Report will help guide the next phase of FUDA: identifying and assessing options for managing projected growth, and selecting preferred options. The preferred scenario will be described in the FUDA Plan for the area. The FUDA Plan will be considered by the Town and other participating jurisdictions for adoption as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, and by CARPC as amendment to the Dane County Land Use and Transportation Plan.

Single Purpose Roads

The Town Board is reviewing the status of several miles of town roads that serve either one or a small number of lots. These roads were dedicated to the town about fifty years ago when recommendations from the Wisconsin Towns Association sought to increase the length of the total mileage in the town highway system. These roads now are expensive to maintain in proportion to the revenue that is generated from state aids. Many of them are substandard. The Town Board has been meeting with residents who live on these roads and discussing possible vacating of them or negotiating a cost sharing maintenance agreement. The town currently has twenty six of these roads on our inventory.