

**Springfield Plan Commission Meeting
Springfield Town Hall
Monday, May 5, 2014**

Call to order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Jeff Endres. Present were Jim Pulvermacher, Steve Resan, Scott Laufenberg, Karen Crook and Elliott Long and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jan Barman. Also present Curt Kodl from Dane County Planning and Development. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Deputy Clerk Barman reported that notice of this meeting was met by posting at the Town Hall, corner of CTH K and Church Roads, and Schneider Road Business Center on Schneider Rd and website and the meeting is being recorded.

Minutes for April 7, 2014

Motion (Pulvermacher/Resan) to approve the April 7, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

Public Comment Time: None

Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan and Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance-rezones, presentation by Curt Kodl. There are 167 parcels with 125 landowners that have non-conforming zoning and are less than 35 acres and are in the Rural Development District and the Rural Development District-Rural Center where the farmland preservation plan is not available. Because the State law changed for the farmland preservation credit, these parcels have to be brought up to the proper zoning. As a reminder parcels are taxed on their use not on the type of zoning they have, so this will not change their taxes unless they change the use of their property. The County will contact the landowners by mail and included will be the form letter, zoning factsheets and FAQ handouts, along with Curt's contact information. The County is about 75% done with these rezones and hopes to be finished by mid-summer. Required to be done by end of year for the preservation program.

The town has 13,000 acres in farmland as of now. But we need to be consistent and clean some of these up because of the changes in the State Law (DATCP) on farmland preservation funding. The Town will need to have a public hearing for these landowners and the County will file a single petition to change all of the rezones at one time without a charge. These will follow the standard rezone process.

If the Plan Commission gives their approval they will recommend to the Town Board for their consideration and approval and then to the County, if the board so moves. If the landowner does not respond to the letter or attend the meeting, the change will go in effect as described. Curt and the town staff will record each phone call and contact that we receive and what was discussed for the Plan Commission's review.

Motion (Pulvermacher/Resan) for the County to send the mailing and a second reminder letter one week before the public hearing set for Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

Chair and Vice-Chair positions for Plan Commission. **Motion (Crook/Laufenberg) to nominate Jeff Endres as Chair.** Elliott wanted it stated that Jeff be wide open to talk about anything and not to show favoritism, there are perspectives other than farming. Elliott has stated many times that he is not in

favor of large farming operations, industry vs science and that Jeff and others do not agree at all with the facts as he stated.

Jim commented that any conflict of interest and you should step off of the commission for that issue, as most of the members do.

Jeff stated that his first objective is to carry out our Town Plan as spelled out in the Comprehensive Plan. That he will ask for help from the committee and ask for their opinions and ideas before he comments on an issue. **Motion carried, 5 – 0 with Jeff abstaining.**

Motion (Laufenberg/Resan) to nominate Karen Crook for Vice-Chair. Because of personal reasons Karen declined the nomination.

Motion (Pulvermacher/Crook) to nominate Scott Laufenberg for Vice-Chair. Motion carried, 5 -0 with Scott abstaining.

Town Comprehensive Land Use Plan – Jan asked if she should contact Mark Roffers and get the update process moving forward. **Motion (Crook/Resan) to contact Mark Roffers on updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan by 2015 for a cost estimate and the steps needed for this process. Motion carried, 6 – 0.**

Communications/Announcements

Updates: Blasting ordinance – Jim said the Towns and County Board are at an impasse with many issues. The towns voted to veto this ordinance and asked the County to set up a committee to work with the towns to work out an ordinance. D C Exec Parisi doesn't care what the towns want, the County wants the control over the towns. The DCTA asked that the makeup of the ZLR committee be changed to 7 board members with the towns having two votes and all members be non-elected officials and controlled by the towns as this is overseeing the Town petitions for action. The County added 2 non-voting town members, which changes nothing and doesn't fix the problems. As of now, 3 City of Madison members control the 5 member committee. Former Chair John Hendrick stated the city should not tell the town people how to live but Patrick Miles did it anyway. At this time it costs the County \$5,000/petition to go through their process. The County refuses to sit down with the towns to discuss.

Resource Protection Corridors for Dane County Comprehensive Plan. Again local control vs County control. Elliott – Global climate change – fundamental facts on pollution, methane from farms. National Academy of Science – no bias allowed. 97% of the climatologist claim that climate change is caused by human CO2 and methane. Coastal areas, that are especially poor economically, will be affected, ag in Midwest will be greatly affected. Need to act within the next 2-3 years, but we will not act this soon, per Elliott.

More floods and more heat, more cold in winter, this ordinance changes the floodplain from 100 to 300 year floodplain. New buildings would not be allowed in this new floodplain for towns in the County.

Jim – DCTA does not want the County to have any control over this issue. No other County in the U S has changed to this 300 year floodplain The County only contacted 126 landowners out of 12,000 that will be affected by this change in the rules.

Elliott wants the town to support this effort and went on about his reasons.
Jeff stated that Elliott has to leave his personal agenda at the door when he walks through it.

Adjourn

Motion (Laufenberg/Pulvermacher) to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

Jan Barman
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer