

Draft Meeting Notes

Town of Greenville

Land Stewardship/AEA Committee

Monday, 18 March 2019 (5:00 pm)

Greenville Town Hall

Present: Larry Bentle, John Julius, Steve Nagy, Michelle Sargent, Jeff Steinacker & Loren Steinacker.

Next Meeting: 13 May, Monday (5:00 pm at the Town Hall)

“To do,” items are indicated in red.”

1. Call to order. 5:10 pm
2. Approval of 18 February 2019 meeting minutes. Draft minutes were approved as written (motion by Steve, 2nd by John)
3. Committee account (Larry). Balance remains the same as last mtg at \$1068.
4. Intensive Local Farming (Steve). Steve presented summary information on Intensive Local Farming that is done inside shipping containers that can be set up in urban areas to grow fresh produce at or near the retail site (<https://www.fastcompany.com/90314375/these-shipping-container-farms-will-soon-be-in-grocery-store-lots-across-the-u-s>). Kimbal Musk’s Square Roots’ partnership with Gordon Food Service will bring hundreds of container-style farms directly to distribution centers and stores. There is a Gordon Food Service facility in our area. The prime focus at this time is in large metropolitan cities, but the basic idea could be applied to most anywhere and a market for produce grown created, especially in climates like ours in the upper Midwest that have short growing seasons. Steve agreed to provide a more detailed presentation to our next meeting.
5. Land Trusts, recent inquires (Mia). Shortly before the meeting Mia said she was unable to attend this evenings meeting, but sent an email update.
 - a. Joel Gregozeski, our Town Administrator for Greenville, dropped into our meeting to tell us that that the application for Greenville incorporation as a village was sent into the State Dept. of Administration for review and approval. The application specifically specifies that we want to keep Greenville’s AEA intact should we be approved for Village status. Joel said our Greenbelt AEA stipulation in the application is unique as those that have been approved designate that all relevant areas are available for urban development. Larry asked Joel if this could possibly transpire into town government (part time at least) administering a Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program and also oversee land trusts (either by the town itself or by an outside non-profit organization). Joel’s response was encouraging.

- b. Joel indicated he would be willing to help put together the overall revenue generated from and the expenditures to service developed areas compared to undeveloped rural areas in Greenville. By post meeting phone call Mia agreed to try to set up a meeting with Joel.
 - c. It was agreed to begin drafting a PDR ordinance for Greenville plus any other related documents that may be required to establish a PDR program. Documents from a community similar to ours should be used as a guide. In this manner questions will come up and be answered throughout the draft writing process.
 - i. Mia will set up a common cloud based e-file that we can access to upload “go-by” example documents from other communities and for us to place our Greenville draft docs to share for ideas as they are being drafted.
 - ii. It was felt we should draft the needed documents for Greenville (we will learn much in the process) before asking a representative of a town that has a successful PDR program to visit. We would be up to speed and our questions would be more specific and helpful.
 - iii. On March 29 at 9:00 am Mia will participate in a webinar put on by Kristin Westad, NCRS, Madison, on the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program for farmland and grassland. Hopefully some members of our committee can attend.
6. Town update (Michael)
- a. Village incorporation. Reference 3.a. above.
 - b. Comprehensive plan. East Central WI Regional Planning is drafting the plan and it should be available for public review mid to late May.
 - c. Field of Dreams Project. A draft plan should be available for public review also in mid to late May. It was requested that Ag-tourism and points of interest be included in this plan.
7. Community Ag education -HASD.
- d. Ag facility tours for HS students (Sarah). No discussion.
 - e. School related activities (Sally). No discussion.
8. Related area news & topics (All). None.
9. Next meeting. **13 May 2019, 5:00 pm at the Town Hall**. April 8 was also suggested but later canceled in favor of 13 May.
10. Adjournment. 6:33 pm. Motion to adjourn by Steve, Jeff 2nd.