

# **Minutes Concord Comprehensive Planning Meeting March 4, 2008**

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The meeting opened at 7:15 p.m. with about 20 citizens present. Town Board member Bill Ingersoll was present. Bill Ingersoll passed around copies of a map showing areas in the town participating in the Farmland Preservation Program and a map showing non-metallic mineral sites in the town. These maps will be included in the Agricultural, Cultural, & Natural Resource Element of the Plan. The element scheduled for discussion was the Intergovernmental Element. Discussion was guided by a checklist provided by Bruce Kaniewski.

Sally Williams noted that Police, Fire, and Ambulance protection; garbage collection; and schools were covered in the Utilities and Community Facilities Element. Richard Reindeers suggested that information regarding total daily hours of police protection in the town be gathered, included in the plan, and evaluated to ensure the level of protection is adequate. Also, a home school group uses the Town Hall facilities for basketball.

## Town Road Maintenance:

We share maintenance of Pioneer Rd., Indian Point Rd., and Trail Dr. with the Village of Sullivan. We share maintenance of Morgan Rd. with the Town of Summit, North Side Dr. with the Town of Ixonia, and Stonewood Dr. with the Town of Farmington. These are all verbal agreements. It was suggested that a goal of the plan should be to pursue written agreements for these situations where maintenance is shared.

The county is responsible for maintenance of CTH's B, E, F, and P.

For the 2007-08 winter the town contracted with the county for snowplowing.

## Sharing of Road Maintenance Equipment

Currently the town does not own any shared equipment but has shared equipment in the past with the Town of Farmington.

Shared services with neighboring towns: The town does not share services with neighboring municipalities for assessor or building inspector services but contracts for these on its own. The town does not currently retain the services of an auditor. The Plan policy will be to continue as is for these services.

## Shared services with the county:

The town is subject to Jefferson County Zoning but the county does seek town approval for zoning changes.

The town has access to information, advice, and education through the UW Extension. This includes use of Steve Grabow for Smart Growth Planning guidance, farmers for help with agricultural questions, education by the Rock River Coalition on water concerns, etc.

The City of Oconomowoc has extraterritorial rights extending into the Town of Concord for 3 miles from its perimeter. The Village of Sullivan has extraterritorial rights for 1.5 miles from its perimeter.

There is no shared maintenance of town or county parks

Jefferson county offers many health related services to county residents including the operation of Countryside Nursing home.

The county is working with the municipalities within its borders to develop a County Disaster Plan. The policy of the town will be to continue participation in this effort.

Potential conflicts/ resolutions with neighboring communities:

The Town of Summit has expressed a willingness to discuss the development of a boundary agreement with the Town of Concord. The Plan will state that a policy of the town will be to pursue boundary agreements with any neighboring municipalities who would be open to such agreements.

It was suggested that the town board talk to the City of Oconomowoc Plan Commission to establish criteria as to what they would or would not approve as far as zoning changes, lot splits, new buildings, etc. in the area of the town were they exercise extraterritorial rights. This would be in an effort to speed up approval of such requests in that area as these requests currently take a number of months.

Maps: The suggestion was made to include maps showing areas of shared road maintenance and of the various school districts within the town.

After discussion of the Intergovernmental Element there was a short discussion on the lot splits allowable under county zoning sited in the Agricultural Element. It had been suggested that the number of allowable splits be decreased from 3 to 2 but that the maximum lot size be increased from 2 acres to 3 acres. The idea would be to decrease the potential new home sites within the town to help maintain a rural atmosphere. Richard Reinders stated that a change like this should be revenue neutral and optional to the land owner. It was suggested that this discussion point be set aside for a time when more citizen input could be solicited.