

Seven Towns Meeting Minutes

Brazeau, Breed, Doty, Lakewood, Mountain, Riverview and Townsend

Location: Mountain Lazansky Community Center

Date: September 16, 2020

Call to order by: Town of Mountain Chair, Skip Maletzke, at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Brazeau:	Ryan Wendt, Jean Grosse, John Fetterly
Breed:	Ethel Firgens
Doty:	Andrew Stemp
Lakewood:	Joanne Roy
Mountain:	Skip Maletzke, Brenda Carey-Mielke, Wayne O'Barski, Lynn Kauzlaric
Riverview:	Ann Hogan, Jim Zittlow, Dick Booth, Beth Hartman
Townsend:	Carla VanCamp, Linda Adamczyk, Beth Hartman

Guests:

Todd Skarban	Oconto County Sheriff
Jim Plotkin	Northern Oconto County Community Officer
Chris Schultz	MAS (Mountain Ambulance Service) Administrator
Ryan Giese	Animal Control Officer
Adriane Bartels	Planning Commission
Dr. Jeff Rafn	President, NWTC (Northeast Wisconsin Technical College)
Dr. Kathryn Rogalski	VP for Learning, NWTC

Citizens:

Jim Adamczyk	Townsend
Mary Beth Ascher	NWTC
Guest	NWTC

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Establish Order of the Day

Business Items:

1. Motion m/s/c (Carey-Mielke/Adamczyk) to approve the 07-22-20 minutes with the following amendment: business item #3 should remove the words "He will be hiring a detective to work three days a week for the Seven Towns." and replace them with "One of the county detectives will begin working at the Lakewood office three days a week."
2. Representatives from NWTC distributed hand-outs and discussed possible solutions for meeting the needs of the six towns for EMS continuing education (Brazeau is not included at this point, but Ryan Wendt, Town of Brazeau Chair, stated that he is 'on board' with conversation at this time). Questions were asked of Drs. Rafn and Rogalski, but the most important finding was that there are discrepancies in the information that we are receiving. For example, Drs. Rafn and Rogalski stated that EMS training could be done if the Seven Towns gathered a group of at least 5 or 6 people. Randall Smith, Dean of Public Safety at NWTC, attends the MAS meetings, and he insists that the minimum must be 10. Drs. Rafn and Rogalski will meet with Randall and a group of NWTC representatives will return to our next meeting for more discussion.
3. "Sheriff Skarban discussed his "Mission and Vision Values". The county will be bringing on a second person to assist Jim Plotkin so that Jim can concentrate more on recreational activities. This move adds no extra cost for the Seven Towns. A committee was formed to decide what the Seven Towns want from the NOCCO officer. Once these needs are known, the new position will be posted. Volunteer committee members are:
 - Andrew Stemp
 - Brenda Carey-Mielke
 - Jim Zittlow
 - Carla VanCamp

4. Jim Plotkin, Northern Oconto County Community Officer, gave his report and several questions were asked of him.
5. Ryan Giese, Animal Control Officer, stated that he needs to be familiar with the most current ordinances. He has purchased dog food, but otherwise has no needs at this time.
6. Andrew Stemp, Town of Doty Chair, distributed a hand-out comparing prices of waste disposal among the Seven Towns.
7. Adriane (Gigi) Bartels, Town of Riverview, has a contact from the Chequamegon National Forest office and will be meeting about Silent Sport Bike Trails.
8. Ann Hogan, Town of Riverview Chair, shared information about the chipping program this fall at the Riverview Brush Site. New equipment has been purchased and there will be a demonstration sometime in October. Details to follow.
9. Vision Statements were read by a representative from each town and then handed over to the secretary for publication at the next meeting (see attached page.)
10. **Next Meeting:** scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Riverview Town Hall, 15471 Hwy 32, Mountain.

Suggested topics at this time include:

- EMS committee update.
- Sheriff's report.
- NOCCO report.
- Animal Control Officer report.
- Bike Trails update.
- Vision Statement for the Seven Towns.
- Global warming/Climate change.
- Emerald ash borer in Oconto County.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kendall

Mary Kendall, Seven Towns Secretary

VISION STATEMENTS from the SEVEN TOWNS

Brazeau

Representatives of the seven northern townships of Oconto County meeting on a regular basis to discuss ideas and issues affecting any or all of the seven townships and proposing ways to work together for the betterment of the people we represent.

Breed

Discuss, investigate and resolve concerns of mutual interest.

Doty

While maintaining our rural environment, we will collaborate as one to discuss, investigate and resolve concerns of mutual interest, while encouraging smart growth, promoting tourism and acting as a support group for non-profits, response teams and businesses.

Lakewood

Seven Towns working together for the betterment of all communities and their citizens through collaboration and cooperation of the towns and law enforcement.

Mountain

The Seven Towns are a collective group of communities that are surrounded by the Chequamegon-Nicolet forests, lakes, streams and rivers. Our communities are a natural attraction for families to grow in, business to thrive in and cultural enrichment. We are steeped in a fierce spirit of community and grounded in a strong work ethic.

We are a collection of communities that need to promote and encourage the safety of our citizens and the economic tax base of our communities. By promoting entertainment/outdoor recreation such as activities and events. By supporting educational opportunities for families and youth for a prosperous and sustainable future.

Riverview

Seven Towns working together to provide the best possible quality of life for its residents and weekend visitors.

Townsend

Seven Towns continue to support each other to provide quality services to our communities and continue to grow forward.