

# Seven Towns Meeting Minutes

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

**Location:** Doty Town Hall

**Date:** January 12, 2022

**Call to order by:** Town of Doty Chair, Andrew Stemp, at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:**

Brazeau:	None present
Breed:	Richard VandeWettering, Ethel Firgens
Doty:	Andrew Stemp, Randy Siewert, Andy Dryja
Lakewood:	Richard Edison
Mountain:	Brenda Carey-Mielke, Wayne O'Barski
Riverview:	Ann Hogan, Jim Zittlow
Townsend:	Carla Van Camp, Linda Adamczyk, Joe Heyrman

**Agenda Guests:**

Andy Dryja	NOCCO (Northern Oconto County Community Officer)
Jayne Sellen	Executive Director, OCEDC
Adriane Bartels	Planning Commission
Deb Uhlenbrauck	President Chute Pond Snowmobile Club
Dan Guendert	Chute Pond Snowmobile Club

**Citizens:**

Jim Wisneski	Hidden Bear ATV Club
Jim Adamczyk	Townsend
Don Bartels	Oconto County District 30
Dick Kendall	Doty
Steve	Doty
Chris Schultz	MAS Administrator

### Roll Call

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Establish Order of the Day

### Business Items:

1. Motion m/s/c (Hogan/VandeWettering) to approve the 09/15/21 minutes from the Seven Towns meeting.
2. Jayne Sellen gave an update on grant status, ATV trails and Broadband expansion. She wants to spend time meeting with every business owner in Oconto County to find out their needs. The "Discovery Guides" have arrived and will be available soon. The "World Championship Walleye Tournament" will be held on the bay of Green Bay in Oconto County in early October, 2022.
3. Monty Brink was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but his notes regarding ATV trails and recreational use in Oconto County, plus logging updates, were read by the Seven Towns Secretary.
4. No one was in attendance to represent the State Land Trout Hatchery, but Adriane Bartels did share that this organization is self-funded and that everything is on track for 2022.
5. Deb Uhlenbrauck explained her role with snowmobiling in Oconto County. She wants to work with all of the local snowmobile clubs and asked for a contact person from each town. She introduced Dan Guendert, who gave an update on snowplowing conditions in our county and how that affects trail use by the snowmobilers.

Andrew Stemp followed up with a reply from the Town of Doty lawyer concerning the definition of "passable" roads and the requirements for snowplowing them. Ann Hogan explained why one area in the Town of Riverview must be snowplowed for vehicular traffic, which affects snowmobile use. Wayne O'Barski expressed concern that snowmobilers have made trails through the Town of Mountain cemetery. Town officials, the NOCCO officer and snowmobile club members are aware of this situation and will make it a matter of priority.

6. Andy Dryja gave a very comprehensive report on recent changes within the Sheriff's Department, plus updates on his NOCCO position since taking over last fall.
7. Wayne O'Barski offered the group an invitation to take "free" CPR, First Aid and "Blood-Borne Pathogens" classes, which he will teach.
8. No report available from the Animal Control Officer.
9. Adriane Bartels reported that she is getting the Bike Trails Committee assembled and is looking for grant money.

Don Bartels asked for a moment to inform the group that the Oconto County Coordinator's title has been changed to Oconto County Administrator and that this position has been filled by Erik Pritzl, following the retirement of Kevin Hamann. There are many committees under the Administrator's jurisdiction and over 20 of those committees have open positions. Anyone interested should contact the Administrator.

10. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Administrative Office.

Agenda topics at this time include:

- Sheriff's report
- NOCCO report
- OCEDC
- Animal Control Officer report
- Bike Trails update
- Northeast Asphalt – Tony Letter
- ATV Park – Monty Brink
- Oconto County Administrator – Erik Pritzl
- Leadership, Oconto County Steering Committee Representative

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Kendall*

Mary Kendall, Seven Towns Secretary

Posted this 5th day of February 2022



Lynn Kauzlaric, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Mountain