

DECEMBER 2010 SEMINARS

The WTA new Seminars scheduled in December for Town and small Villages revolve around the role of the Town and Village Plan Commission and Town and Village Supervisor(s) in local Comprehensive Planning and Ordinance development, in creating the State Working Land Program for agricultural lands and in enacting other local Land Use Ordinances to protect the Town or Village and its residents, its landowners and its taxpayers. There will also be a legal review of State statutory changes and Court cases involving Comprehensive Planning and the Town and Village Plan Commissions.

These WTA Seminars in December will be at five (5) locations in the State; namely, Janesville, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin Dells, Eau Claire and Stevens Point. I urge Town and Village Supervisors and Clerks to attend with members of your respective Town or Village Plan Commission members. SPECIFICALLY, TOWN AND VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD EXTEND INVITATIONS FOR THE PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS TO ATTEND. The Agenda for these five (5) Seminars is as follows:

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	The Role of the Town or Village Plan Commission – Rebecca Roberts/UW Extension, Stevens Point
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Subdivision Ordinance Creation – Philip Freeburg/WU Extension, Madison
10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Current Comprehensive Planning Law Statutory Changes and State Court Cases – Brian Ohm/UW Extension, Madison
11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Preparing and Revising the County and Town Farmland Preservation Ordinances and Implementing the State Working Lands Program /DATCP Representatives
1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Other Land Use Control Ordinances for Towns and Villages Beyond the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances – Thomas W. Harnisch/WTA Education Director
3:00 p.m.	Adjournment

MORNING SESSION

The University of Wisconsin Extension will have three (3) presentations in the Morning session. The first session presented by Rebecca Roberts of the UW Extension – Stevens Point/Center for Land Use Education will cover the expansive legal and political role of the Town or Village Plan Commissions in local land use decisions in Wisconsin.

The next session will be presented by Philip Freeburg of the UW Extension – Madison/Local Government Center. Attorney Freeburg will discuss in detail the creation by Towns and Villages of a local Subdivision Ordinance and its “consistency” relationship to the local Comprehensive Plan. For many Towns and small Villages the knowledge of having a proper and updated Subdivision Ordinance will, hopefully, serve to control local public costs and limit locally unregulated growth and locally undesirable land uses.

The final Morning session will be instructed by Brian Ohm from the University of Wisconsin – Madison/School of Urban and Regional Planning and the Center for Land Use Education. Professor Ohm will discuss the relevant recent Wisconsin statutory changes related to Comprehensive Planning and the State Court cases involving Comprehensive Planning and the Town and Village Plan Commission. This legal update by Professor Ohm should be extremely helpful for both Town and Village officials, including Plan Commission members, in their understanding their respective legal and political roles in Wisconsin local government.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Afternoon session will commence with a one (1) hour discussion from officials from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection regarding their recommendations for creation of specific local Farmland Preservation Ordinances and the local implementing of the State Working Land Program. For many local Town officials, including the Town Plan Commission members, the creation of these ordinances and the implementation of the Working Lands Program will be helpful for Town officers, local farmers and their neighbors in creating viable 21st Century farm operations and avoiding the many potential land use conflicts and public costs associated with potential large scale agriculture.

The final Afternoon session I will present regarding specific Land Use Ordinances, including "Model" ordinances that Town or Village officials, including their Plan Commission members, may desire to recommend and create that will aid, hopefully, in the protecting of the Towns or Villages and in reducing the short-term and long-term public costs associated with unregulated growth and undesirable land uses. These Ordinances will include:

1. Building Permit Ordinance.
2. Driveway and Highway Access Permit Ordinance.
3. Road Use, Weight Limit and Motor Vehicle Control Ordinance.
4. Town Cemetery and Burial Site Ordinance.
5. Junked Vehicle Ordinance.
6. Public Nuisance Ordinance.
7. Public Event Regulation Ordinance.
8. Solid Waste/Hazardous Waste Siting Ordinance.
9. Livestock Siting Ordinance.
10. Harmful and Exotic Wild Animal Ordinance.
11. Communication Tower Ordinance.
12. Mobile Home/Manufactured Home Ordinance.
13. Wind Turbine Siting Ordinance (status to date)

I hope to see all interested Town and Village officials, including Plan Commission Members.

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Holiday Inn Express & Janesville Conf. Center
3100 Wellington Place
Janesville, WI 53546
Intersection of I-90 & HWY 14 East

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Sleep Inn & Conference Center
5872 33rd Ave.
Eau Claire, WI 54703
Intersection of CTH T & HWY 29

Monday, December 6, 2010

Holiday Inn Fond du Lac
625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr.
Fond du Lac, WI 54937
US HWY 41 & Military Rd.

Friday, December 17, 2010

New Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center
1001 Amber Ave.
Stevens Point, WI 54481
From I-39 take US HWY 10 east at Exit 158
to Amber Ave., left on Amber to Holiday Inn

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center
1305 Kalahari Dr.
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
From I90 or I94 westbound to exit #92, HWY 12
(Lake Delton/WI Dells). Turn west (right) at the bottom
of the exit ramp onto HWY 12. At the first stoplight
(Meadowview Dr.), turn right to Kalahari Dr.