

TOWN OF WESTPORT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - April 18, 2017

The Town of Westport 2017 Annual Meeting was called to order by Chair John Van Dinter on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, in the Community Meeting Room of the Bernard J. Kennedy Administration Building, at 7:02 p.m. Attending were: The following resident electors as confirmed by the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer numbering 34 eligible voters: Troy F. Berg, Susan Stolen, Leslie Even, Kevin Even, Patrick Kelly, David Knutzen, Michelle Wing, Dean Grosskopf, Gary Grosskopf, Vinnie Thousand, Marie Hjella, Dorothy Chapek, Sandra Levin, Allan B. Levin, Marianne Bloch, David Ward, Lynn Persson, Joe Pichette, Sarah Pichette, John Van Dinter, Maureen Van Dinter, Connie Blau, Terry Enge, Joan Enge, Cameron Trotter, Mitch Trotter, John A. Cuccia, Gary T. Gausman, Michael J. Keane, Margaritte Moore, Ken Sipsma, Jacalyn Schultz, Roger Bindl, and Bob Anderson; and, the following non-voting individuals were also present: Bob Khouri and Clerk-Treasurer Tom Wilson, numbering 2. Total attendance was 36 individuals, 34 of which can vote. The Town poll book was utilized by the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for voting confirmation.

Chair Van Dinter welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that this was the highest attendance at the Annual Meeting for his 26 years in office, and he appreciated that turn-out for his last meeting as a Chair.

The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Maureen Van Dinter, second Ken Sipsma, by a vote of 32 in favor and 0 opposed with 1 person not voting (David Ward), by a hand vote, at 7:05 p.m.

A written statement of the Town's financial condition for 2016 including revenues, expenditures and current indebtedness, was presented to the Town Board members by Clerk-Treasurer Wilson, in the form of the draft 2016 financial audit and shows the Town to be in excellent financial health. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Bob Anderson reported that the 2017 budget is on track and essentially "boring" and Clerk-Treasurer Wilson added comments on the Woodland Drive project and sewer costs. Lynne Persson questioned the report row titles which Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Bob Anderson clarified. Maureen Van Dinter questioned the lowering of Senior Center expenditures which Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Bob Anderson clarified has to do with the finalization of yearly contribution to Waunakee for the Senior Center construction being complete. Joe Pichette asked about timing on new sewer improvements at the Community of Bishops Bay which Clerk-Treasurer Wilson and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Bob Anderson replied.

After the item was called by the Chair as a new item, Ken Sipsma moved to adopt Town Meeting Resolution No. 17-01 as written and presented CONFIRMING WITHDRAWAL FROM DANE COUNTY ZONING AND DANE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN COVERAGE FOR THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, seconded by Dean Grosskopf.

Discussion and questions were then requested by the Chair, and took place generally as follows:

-David Ward asked a question regarding any additional costs for withdrawal and the Chair answered indicating no or little additional costs and also discussed the loss of Dane County's land division jurisdiction and how that will save resident expenses as well, with examples.

-Lynn Persson asked about the concerns over development of next door properties and changes, and was assured the input and public comment will be still taken.

-Allan Levin asked about enforcement and specifically as to erosion control which the County will maintain, and was concerned about actions in the Middleton ETZ area which Clerk-Treasurer Wilson informed him was indeed covered under the recently adopted Town Comprehensive Plan.

-Lynn Persson again spoke to compliment the current Town staff, officials, and Comprehensive Plan, but is concerned about changes in these individuals and in the governing bodies. Clerk-Treasurer Tom Wilson confirmed that the Town can vote to reverse the withdrawal under the law.

-Jacalyn Schultz commented about concerns with many window panes of zoning in the County, to which Clerk-Treasurer Wilson replied that this will just replace two small panes and not create more.

-Marianne Bloch raised concerns about heavy traffic on County roads in the Town and concerns over cooperation with the Town by Dane County on parks, trails and open space. The Chair assured her that the relationship with the County as to highways and parks is very good and will not change by zoning withdrawal.

-Roger Bindl commented that communication with Town staff and officials is very good and aids in making the decision on withdrawal.

-Allen Levin commented that in his position he often meets with County staff and officials and knows there are concerns at the County about some Towns withdrawing, but not with Westport.

-Dorothy Chapek added that she is involved in the Town's Adopt A Highway program on Woodland Drive, and stated that this program was previously operated by the County and was taken over as to local roads by the Town and is much better for the local residents who utilize it, and sees a parallel between that and withdrawing from County zoning.

-Troy Berg asked about shoreland zoning and was advised by the Chair that the County will maintain authority over that, to which he indicated he strongly favors withdrawal based on his experience with the County on building two lake front homes in Westport on Bluebill Park Drive and Reynolds Avenue.

After the Chair confirmed that this was all of the questions and discussion from those present, he called for the vote on the motion adopting Resolution No. 17-01, which was adopted by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, with 2 persons not voting (David Ward and Lynn Person), by a hand vote, at 7:50 p.m. Town Meeting Resolution 17-01 as adopted and approved shall be affixed to these minutes as a part hereof.

For other new business raised, Lynn Persson rose to thank John Van Dinter for his service to and accomplishments for the Town on his retirement from Town service at the end of this meeting, after which a lengthy standing ovation took place, to which John Van Dinter thanked those present. Also Clerk-Treasurer Wilson advised those present of an open house being held by the Westport Historic Preservation Commission on Saturday April 22, Earth Day, from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Town Community Meeting Room, and Commission members present Joe Pichette and Marianne Bloch added additional comments on the open house.

No old business was raised.

The meeting was then adjourned on a motion by Ken Sipsma with a comment regarding it being his honor to make the motion as this is the adjournment of John Van Dinter's last meeting as a Chair for Westport, second Dean Grosskopf, by a hand vote of 34 in favor and 0 opposing. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson
Town Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
TOWN MEETING
RESOLUTION NO. 17-01**

AN RESOLUTION CONFIRMING WITHDRAWAL FROM DANE COUNTY ZONING AND
DANE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN COVERAGE FOR THE TOWN OF WESTPORT
TOWN OF WESTPORT, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, 2015 Wisconsin Act 178 authorized towns in a county having a population of more than 485,000 to take certain actions which allow that town to withdraw from coverage of the county zoning ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport previously adopted a notice of intent to withdraw on June 6, 2016, as provided by sec. 60.23 (34)(b)(1), Wis. Stats., and gave notice of action; and,

WHEREAS, the Town adopted a new Comprehensive Plan under sec. 66.1001, Wis. Stats., and adopted an Official Map under sec. 62.23(6), Wis. Stats.; and,

WHEREAS, the Town recommended approval of a model zoning ordinance which was prepared by the towns which issued a notification of intent to withdraw, and has duly considered that model ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted the model zoning ordinance as the zoning ordinance of the Town upon its withdrawal from county zoning; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board by Ordinance No. 17-04 confirmed withdrawal of the Town from coverage on the Dane County Zoning Ordinance and from coverage of the Dane County development plan, subject to confirmation by the Town Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Meeting of the Town of Westport at the April 18, 2017 Annual meeting, does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1 - ZONING WITHDRAWAL CONFIRMATION. Pursuant to section 60.23(34)(b)3., Wis. Stats., the Town meeting hereby confirms by this resolution that the Town of Westport does withdraw from the coverage of the Dane County zoning ordinance and from coverage of the Dane County development plan, all as specified in section 60.23(34)(a), Wis. Stats., and shall also include the removal of Dane County's land division review authority in all of the Town pursuant to section 236.10(1m)(a), Wis. Stats., and so confirms the action of the Town Board in Ordinance 17-04, and approves the same.

SECTION 2 - EFFECTIVE DATE AND CLERK DUTIES. The withdrawal shall be effective as indicated in Ordinance 17-04, and the Town Clerk shall undertake the duties as prescribed therein.

The above and foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Westport on April 18, 2017, by a vote of 32 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 not voting.

APPROVED:

By: *J. Van Dinter*
John Van Dinter, Chair of 2017 Annual Town Meeting

Attest: *Thomas G. Wilson*
Thomas G. Wilson
Town Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Clerk of 2017 Annual Town Meeting

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