

# TOWN OF NEW DENMARK NEWSLETTER

August 2020

### Upcoming Meeting/Event Dates

8/25 Plan Commission Mtg – Smart Growth

9/14 Board Meeting, 7 pm

9/15 Plan Commission Mtg, 7 pm

10/12 Board Meeting, 7 pm

10/13 Plan Commission Mtg, 7 pm

11/03 FALL ELECTION- Presidential

\*Polls Open 7 am - 8 pm

#### Deadline for Agenda Items

Anyone wishing to place an item on the Town Board Agenda will need to contact Chairman Krueger by the first Monday of the month with that request. Chairman Krueger will make the final determination as to whether a specific item will be placed on the agenda.



#### November 3, 2020: Presidential Election

**Voter Registration:** The residency requirement to vote is 28 consecutive days. Registration ends at 7 pm on the Friday before the Election Day and begins again on Election Day. NO REGISTRATION can occur on the Saturday, Sunday or the Monday before the election, or after 7 pm during the week.

#### Absentee Ballots:

- All requests for Absentee ballots must be made in WRITING (signed and dated by the elector) and received by the by the Clerk no less then <u>FIVE</u> days before the scheduled election. **PHOTO ID <u>MUST</u>** accompany your application, if you have not previously voted by absentee ballot. Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail for the November 3rd Presidential Election is **OCTOBER 29, 2020**. You must be a REGISTERED VOTER to request an Absentee Ballot.
- Early In-person voting begins October 17, 2020 and ends at 5 pm the Saturday before the election. NO IN-PERSON absentee voting can take place on Sunday or Monday before the election. Please call the Clerk, Michelle Wallerius, to schedule an appointment for In-Person Voting.

For more information about Registering to vote or to vote by Absentee ballot, please visit <a href="https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/">https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/</a> or contact Michelle Wallerius, Clerk at <a href="michwallerius@gmail.com">michwallerius@gmail.com</a> or 920.863.5523. The Town website also contains links to the Wisconsin Voter Registration forms and the Wisconsin Absentee Ballot Request form.

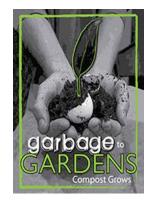
**E-Cycle Wisconsin:** All electronic equipment must be recycled. The following centers have been designated by the Wisconsin DNR as official collection sites for televisions, computers, VCRs, cell phones, cameras, MP3 players, printers, stereos, etc. For more information on what falls under this category or information about E-cycle please visit <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Ecycle/wisconsin.html">http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Ecycle/wisconsin.html</a>

Best Buy located @ 825 Pilgrim Way in Green Bay
Brown County HHW Facility located @ 2561 South Broadway in Green Bay
Lamp Recyclers, Inc. located @ 2955 Ramada Way / Sadoff Green Bay located at 1901 Lineville Road
Norsec Computer Recyclers located @ 801 S. Broadway, Green Bay
Goodwill Donation Express stores located in Green Bay, De Pere, Howard
Fox Community Credit Union located @ 820 Armed Forces Drive, Green Bay

## Comprehensive Plan Updates continue

Brown County Planning Department continues to work with the Town on updating the Town of New Denmark 10 year Comprehensive Plan. The Town Plan Commission will meet on a regular basis as chapters become available and discuss revisions and changes. Our current Smart Growth Plan (which was adopted in 2007) can be reviewed online at the Town website. The Town website also contains the proposed Chapters as they are presented to the Plan Commission and minutes from those meetings. Resident participation is encouraged. The revised plan will be used as a guide for future development and how the Town of New Denmark should look in the years to come.

**Controlled Burns:** On occasion, residents may have a need to conduct a controlled burn of brush and debris from fallen trees or barns. Prior to commencing your burn, please use extreme caution & ensure the weather conditions are appropriate. Before starting a controlled burn, you are required to contact the Brown County Sherriff's Department's non-emergency number at (920) 391-7450 and provide them with your address so emergency personnel are not dispatched. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



**COMPOST AT HOME:** By composting yard materials and certain food scraps at home, residents can make their own compost for garden and landscape projects while reducing costs for off-site composting or disposal. Composting is also a preferred alternative to burning yard materials.

Home composters can make compost in bins or in a heap, though bins are generally a better way to manage the materials. There are a number of home composting containers available commercially, and it is also fairly simple to create your own. The DNR's home composting brochure provides information to get started and tips for experienced composters who want to improve their systems.

• Home Composting: The Complete Composter (WA-182) [PDF]

**WHAT TO COMPOST**: Along with yard materials, certain food scraps can also be easily composted at home. Be sure to follow recommendations on what types of food scraps can be composted at home in order to prevent odors and avoid attracting animals and other pests.

• Home Composting Materials (WA-1785) [PDF]

#### What to compost

- Yard materials
- Vegetable and fruit scraps
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Teabags
- Nutshells
- Eggshells
- Clean, unwaxed paper, such as newspaper & cardboard
- Animal manure (not pet waste)

#### What not to compost

- Meat or fish scraps, bones and packaging
- Dairy products (milk, cheese, egg yolks, etc.)
- Fats and oils or foods containing fats and oils
- Pet waste
- Diseased or insect-ridden plants
- Highly invasive plants (unless completely dry & w/out seeds
- Plastics labeled as "compostable" or "biodegradable"

**Town Board Actions:** The following are **only highlights** of actions and discussions at the monthly Town Board meetings. For detailed Minutes, please visit <a href="https://www.townofnewdenmark.com">www.townofnewdenmark.com</a>.

#### May 2020

- \* Info Permits: ND-72 electrical for small shed. ND-116-2 40 x 90 addition for winery. MC, ND-486 for re-build following fire, MC; ND-181-2 for 36 x 28 addition, MC
- \* M. Gaworek states he received assessed roll from County. Mailed personal property tax assessment forms to businesses. Open book 3-5 on May 12<sup>th</sup> and Board of Review: May 20, 2020 6-8 pm
- \* Bd appoints Pete Dewar (3 yr term) to Plan Commission. W. Krueger, K. Janssen, M. Trepanier (1 yr terms). Alternates F. Rabas & D. Rosek. MC
- \* Bd appoints Shirley Dahlke for (3 yr term) to Variance Committee. Re-appoints J. Rupp & K. Kafka (2 yr), J. Wavrunek (1 yr) and alternates R. Giuliani and J. Watzka. MC
- \* Motion to reduce Class B beer & liquor licenses to \$50 annually for 2020-21. Resolution to be drafted for next meeting.
  \*Formal bid to be published for Jensen Lane culvert replacement.
  Discussion re: re-pavement of Kvitek Rd with temporary fix until Village moves forward with their repairs. Road Bids: Scott

Construction \$22.124 for wedge & chip seal of Shady Acres. Bid # 2 NEA for \$151,460 for resurfacing of Wanek to NN; Bid # NEA for 3" hot mix for \$42,510 for Cedar Meadows Drive. MC \*Garbage issues continue with north side collection. Audit of

service to be conducted by General Manager this week. Ltr of representation accepted from McMahon Engineering Firm for overview of Hidden Hills Estates subdivision. MC

\*Grass cutting of right-of-way bid from F. Wiltman for \$13.75 an hour for cutting / \$15 an hour for maintenance. Accepted by Bd MC \*Review of Winter Maintenance road bids: Pro1 \$88 an hour w/ equipment / Salt \$55 a ton; Bielinski Excavating: \$97 per hour with equipment - \$45-50 sand/salt mixture. Motion to accept Pro1 bid for 2021. Motion to approve contract with Brown County \$1,000 for emergency road repairs & deer carcass pick up. MC \*Plan Commission Mtg: May 12, 2020.

#### **July 2020**

- \* Report of K. Janssen which highlights options for Southern bridge across Fox River. Link available for resident review.
- \*Info permits: Staudingers on Maribel Rd. 2 accessory permits located in rear of property. Frontage limited on Maribel Rd. MC ND-424 for accessory building. MC ND-736 for garden shed. MC Driveway/culvert permit for Love Lane approved.
- \*M. Gaworek working on new permits for 2021.
- \*Sup. Olsen continues with multiple repairs as needed and assisting Town of Cooperstown with culvert replacements on Benecke, Langes Corners and Town Hall Rd. Discussion of resident concern for Rosecrans Rd and request for 4 way stop. Sup. Goetsch and Chair would be opposed to changing at this time. First cutting of right of ways complete. Culvert & guardrail on Kvitek and Denmark on list for 2021.
- \* Sup. Olsen added as third party signer for BMO Harris account.
  \*Town continues to work on remedy for non-conforming parcels in Town with legal counsel through revisions in the ordinance.
  \*No final approval on CSM for Hidden Hills Estates. Working on driveway approach & DNR with wetland issues. Developers Agreement needed to address costs & maintenance of storm water management and chargeback for engineering review by McMahon.
  \*Request for Plan Commission meeting for August to address Comprehensive Plan updates.

\*CSM for ND-237 approved. Shed removed from right of way. MC

#### **June 2020**

- \* K. Janssen report Brown Cty Plan Commission: Highlights of MDP Title VI non-discrimination program. Mid year amendments to TIP. Draft chapters of Brown County Growth Plan.
- \*Info Permits: ND-89-1 for accessory building. Setbacks & zoning appropriate. MC; ND-295-2 for 36x48 shed. MC
- M. Gaworek states open book and Board of Review complete. 2020 closed out. Market Drive updated. Submitted MAR for 2020. \$5,000 check presented to Town for return of Assessor salary and requests be used for future revalue of Town.
- \* Åpproval of Class B beer and licenses & operator permits for: Circle Tap, LLC, B-5 Golf (Twin Oaks), Duck Creek Vineyard, Basil's II, Loopy's on the Loop, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Bar & Bowl. Cigarette license for Isabelle Sterleske for Langes Corners.
- \*2021 Tax Agreement approved for Brown County.
- \*List of engineering firms to conduct annual bridge inspections.

  Brown Cty no longer able to provide this service. Bd would recommend Aryes as they assisted with construction of Cooperstown bridge replacement. Discussion of culvert concerns for Podlasik Lane. Town does not replace private culverts Town of Cooperstown to grade R. Kane Lane by June 15, 2020.
- \*Bid review for Jensen Lane culvert: awarded to Ben Jensen Excavating for \$4,810. MC
- \* John Delmore from Delmore consulting in attendance. Addresses Board concerns and specs of R. Kane Lane. Issues clearly seen in gravel spots that were dug out. Road bed as expected. Would recommend another frost/winter cycle to develop base. M. Bielinski present and states Bd did not authorize digging out entire road bed, but advised to straighten road 6-8 ft and use existing road bed for reconstruction. Bielinski added an additional \$5,000 material out of pocket. Delmore feels the road is acceptable.
- \*Request to add third Town Bd member to sign checks for Town.
- \* Recommendation to meet with McMahon to discuss concerns with Hidden Hills Estates.
- \*Rezoning request to rezone homestead with 1.5 acres for VanderKinter Homestead approved ND-237. MC
- \*Approval of CSM for ND-237 tabled until shed is removed from right of way.
- \*Annual Town meeting set for July 14, 2020 at 7 p.m.

#### **Annual Town Meeting of Electors 2020**

- \* Review of 2019 Annual Financial Report. Funds on hand as of 12/31/2019: \$805,571.52.
- \* Resident discussion regarding discontinuation of street lamps. \*Town Updates: Road improvement to Wanek & Podlasik Lane. Multiple culvert have been replaced. Working on updates to the Comprehensive Plan. Kvitek to be resurfaced in 2021. Proposed subdivision off Rosecrans Rd – Hidden Hills Estates which would contain 19 lots.
- \*Motion to donate \$2,000 to Veterans War Memorial Park. MC
- \* Motion to donate \$1,500 to the Denmark Community Center.MC
- $^{\ast}$  Motion to donate \$500 to Denmark Youth Baseball & Softball league. MC
- \* Motion for Town to adopt an ordinance to allow UTV, ATV and golf carts on Town roads. MC Board to take under advisement at regular Town Board meeting.
- $^{\ast}$  Annual Town meeting for 2021 set for the third Tuesday of April at 7 p.m.

#### Town Board Members

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Matthew Goetsch 863-3956
Steve Olsen 863-8081
Michelle Wallerius, Clerk 863-5523
/Treasurer or michwallerius@gmail.com
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The goal of this newsletter is to promote resident awareness and involvement in town government and community affairs.

If you have any criticisms, comments, requests or suggestions, please contact Michelle Wallerius at 863-5523 or at michwallerius@gmail.

The Town Board meets at **7 p.m**. on the second Monday of each month. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings and may place items on the agenda by calling the Town Chairman.

Notice of hearings and agendas are posted at the Town Hall and online at the Town website:

www.townofnewdenmark.com.

The **Plan Commission** will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. as agenda items arise. The **Variance Committee** will meet as zoning issues arises. Notice of hearings will be posted & published in <u>The Denmark</u> News.

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