

June 4, 2013

7:30 Upper Level Mtg Room

Members Present: Mr. Rimsky, Ms. Gager, Mr. Frank, Ms. Jahnke

Members Absent: Ms. Roberts

Alternates Present: Mr. Carey, Ms. Bishop-Wrabel

Alternates Absent: Mr. Osborne

Staff Present: Ms. Hill, Ms. White

Also Present: Mr. Charles

Ms. Gager, Vice Chair called the Meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Seated: Mr. Frank, Mr. Rimsky, Ms. Jahnke, Ms. Gager, Mr. Carey, Alt.

Privilege of the Floor

There were no comments from the public at this time.

Consideration of the Minutes

The Planning Commission considered the minutes from the 5-7-13 regular meeting.

Motion:

To accept the May 7, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Planning Commission as submitted, by Ms. Janke, seconded by Mr. Rimsky, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications

There were no new applications to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS

Plan of Conservation and Development

Revised Drafts:

Community Facilities Draft:

Ms. Gager stated that Milone & MacBroom would supply an updated draft of what the final POCD would look like before June 30th. The prototype of the POCD would be sent electronically to the Planning Commission before the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting on July 2, 2013. Ms. Gager recommends that the commissioners look at the prototype from a visual standpoint as well as the content.

There was a brief discussion regarding the budget for the revision of the POCD. Ms. Gager confirmed that they were currently up to date with any payments

The Commissioners and Ms. Hill discussed comments and suggestions that they had for the consultants regarding the most recent draft of the Community Facilities section of the revised POCD.

7:45 pm – Mr. Charles arrives

Ms. Gager stated that comments regarding the drafts should be given to Milone & MacBroom no later than the end of July 2013.

Mr. Rimsky feels that the drafts should be cleaned up and consolidated.

The Commissioners agreed that all of the drafts should follow the same format with the recommendations at the beginning and support documentation and commentary as part of the appendix.

The Commissioners had a lengthy discussion regarding how they should address Regional School District 12 in the revised POCD. Mr. Carey suggesting waiting until the last minute possible to include anything in the revised POCD regarding the schools because of the ongoing issues. He recommended having a member of the Board of Education approve this section in the revised POCD.

The Commissioners discussed the Town Garage site and the renovations to Bryan Memorial Town Hall.

There was a brief discussion regarding the future needs of the Senior Center. Ms. Hill feels that municipal parking should be addressed in this section.

8:25 pm – Ms. Bishop-Wrabel arrives.

The Commissioners discussed the issues and strategies that were included in this most recent Community Facilities draft. The Commissioners agreed that this section should be streamlined and acknowledge that the Town of Washington must continue to provide and maintain facilities that provide support to its residents. And, these services and facilities should be in line with the demographic community.

Natural Resources, Open Space & Recreation Draft:

Ms. Hill stated that the Planning Commission had asked for an update of this section that was written for the 2003 POCD.

The Commissioners discussed how the Natural Resource Inventory Report could be included in the revised POCD.

Mr. Rimsky feels that reuse or revitalization of agricultural land for locally grown sustainable agriculture should be addressed in this section.

Mr. Frank read the email that provided input from Ms. Payne, Chair of Conservation Commission, to Milone and MacBroom regarding this draft.

Bryan Memorial Plaza Improvements:

The Committee for the Bryan Memorial Plaza Improvements has not met at this time. Ms. Gager

recommended that Mr. Rimsky keep in mind the suggestions that the Planning Commission has already brought forward to the Selectmen when the Plaza Improvement Committee does meet.

Communications

There were no communications to discuss.

Administrative Business

There was no administrative business to discuss.

Public Comment

Mr. Charles mentioned that he sent 4 emails to Ms. Hill to forward to the Planning Commission members that he feels would be beneficial to them.

Mr. Rimsky discussed the meeting that the representatives from the Planning Commission had with the heads of private schools and Regional School District 12.

Mr. Charles recommended that the grant for the Plaza improvements include the whole Depot area. He stated that there are a lot of opportunities for the Planning Commission to be more involved, more proactive in seeing things that they envision implemented.

Adjournment

Motion:

to adjourn by Mr. Frank, seconded by Mr. Rimsky.

Ms. Gager adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

SUBMITTED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL:

Shelley White, Land Use Clerk