

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Bryan Memorial Town Hall**  
**Post Office Box 383**  
**Washington Depot, Connecticut 06794**  
**Planning Commission Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 6, 2024**

7:31 P.M. – Hybrid Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Hileman, D. Rimsky, J. Averill, C Matteo, J Averill

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** S. Gager,

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** D. Varnish (via zoom)

**ALTERNATES ABSENT:** S. Mongar

**STAFF PRESENT:** S. White - Land Use Administrator, Michelle Gorra – Economic Development Coordinator

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Brian Hagenbuch (Steep Rock Association),

**Chair Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.**

**Seated for this meeting is Chair Hileman, D. Rimsky, and J. Averill, C. Matteo, D. Varnish**

**Consideration of the Minutes – February 7, 2024:**

**MOTION:** To approve the February 7, 2024 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as written, D. Rimsky made the Motion and C. Matteo seconded, approved unanimous.

**New Applications:**

No new applications.

**Pending Applications:**

No pending applications

**Committee Reports/Updates:**

**Sustainability:**

C. Matteo briefly updated commission on topics mentioned at the last SC meeting which were Earth Day plans, Budget (requesting \$10,000 in 2024 budget), Ambulance Building (adherence to net zero}, High School Ag Science (desire to hire student to help with invasive species) and salt on roadways and in wells (discounted well testing for property owners). M. Gorra added that the results from the water testing from the Shepaug tributaries will be entered into a state-wide data base but the committee is looking into the possibility of setting up a way for people to also share the results of their well test for further tracking.

Economic Development Committee:

M. Gorra reported that EDC is continuing to work on plans to organize a town wide restaurant week in collaboration with the WBA and the Arts Council.

**Referral from Zoning Commission – Proposed Revisions to Regulations** (Referral Letter Attached)

Section 13.16 – Shop and Storage Use

Discussion ensued regarding the language to be deleted and the language to be added in section 13.16 – Shop and Storage use as proposed by the Washington Z. C.

Various Sections- State Licensed Group Day Care Home

Commission discussed the language additions and deletions that the Washington Z.C. proposed in order to comply with the Connecticut Public Act 23-142 regarding State Licensed Home Group Day Care.

**Continued Discussion – 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development:**

The draft of the POCD has been posted to the town's website but Chair Hileman has yet to receive any feed back on it. The committee discussed the items that are still missing in the POCD working draft. Chair Hileman will continue to gather the missing items (Plan Consistency Chapter, Maps, Additional Sustainability Measures, Graphs & Charts, and Photos) which are still needed in order to complete the draft.

**Communications:**

No Communications for this meeting.

**Administrative Business:**

Chair Hileman informed commission members about the March 14<sup>th</sup> seminar regarding Public Meeting Minutes in which all members sitting on a Washington town committee are encouraged to attend.

**Adjourn:**

**MOTION: To adjourn the March 6, 2024 Washington Planning Commission Regular Meeting at 8:38 pm by C. Matteo , seconded by J. Averill , approved unanimously.**

Recording can be found here:

[2024-3-6 PC Mtg Audio.mp3](#)

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Barbara Tingley*

**Land Use Clerk**

**March 6, 2024**

**\*Minutes filed, subject to approval**