

July 24, 2012

Special Meeting

7:30 p.m. Land Use Meeting Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Frank, Mr. Rimsky, Ms. Gager, Mrs. Jahnke

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mr. Carey, Mr. Osborne

ALTERNATE ABSENT: Ms. Bishop-Wrabel

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Hill

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Looney, Mr. Bedini

Mrs. Roberts called the Special Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and seated Members Frank, Gager, Jahnke, Rimsky, and Roberts.

The purpose of this meeting was to prepare for the July 28th public kick off meeting on the update of the Plan of Conservation and Development. Mr. Looney, consultant, said tonight the presentations by the commissioners would be reviewed, there would be a logistical run through of Saturday's meeting, and thoughts about the existing Plan would be briefly discussed.

The order of the speakers on Saturday was set: 1) Mrs. Roberts – Greeting, 2) Mr. Rimsky – Goals and Objectives, 3) Mrs. Jahnke – Data and Demographics, 4) Mr. Frank – State Statutes Governing the POCD, 5) Mr. Carey – How the POCD Is Used by the Town, and 6) Ms. Gager – Responsibilities and Accomplishment of Goals. Ms. Gager's Power Point presentation was viewed and each of the commissioners gave his prepared talk on his appointed topic and received suggestions for improvements.

Mr. Looney reviewed his Power Point presentation and the topics he would cover. The commissioners and Mrs. Hill discussed several recommended changes. These included: informing the public this is an update focused on four issues rather than a complete rewrite because some issues had been so thoroughly addressed in the previous Plan, making sure the Conservation Commission was included and given credit for work well done, noting that the update process had actually begun last year with meetings with representatives of the land use commissions to determine which issues were the most critical and would be addressed, mentioning educational issues so that the public would understand that comments on this topic are welcome, and stressing that the business community and other groups would be contacted in the future for input and that additional meetings would be held.

After Mr. Looney's presentation he will ask the audience members for their ideas on what are Washington's best qualities and greatest assets, what are the areas where improvement is needed, and how can Washington be made a better place in which to live and work. The ideas generated will be recorded and summarized at the end of the meeting.

It was noted that refreshments will be served and no further discussion was needed as this had been previously organized.

Mrs. Hill will contact Mr. Gueniat about setting up the main hall on Friday. Mrs. Roberts will be in on

Friday to oversee the set up and Ms. Gager will also be available.

There will be several copies of the current Plan and copies of the state statute available for the public to review on Saturday.

Publicity efforts were reviewed: 1) postal patron mailing to each house and P.O. Box, 2) extra postcards available on counters around Town, 3) posters up around Town, 4) all Town commissioners notified by email, 5) email sent to everyone on the Town email list, 6) Sign put up outside Town Hall, 7) POCD page on website. It was noted the local newspapers had not been contacted due to a misunderstanding about whose responsibility that was, but Mrs. Hill will contact local reporters by email tomorrow.

The commissioners were asked to come to the Town Hall no later than 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

MOTION:

To adjourn the Meeting.

By Mr. Rimsky.

Mrs. Roberts adjourned the Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,
Janet M. Hill
Land Use Administrator