

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Bryan Memorial Town Hall  
Washington Depot, CT

PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES

September 4, 2019

7:30p.m.

Main Level Meeting Room

Members Present: Mr. Hileman, Mr. Cole, Mr. Rimsky, Ms. Gager

Members Absent: Mr. Carey

Alternates Present: Ms. Matteo

Staff Present: Ms. White, Ms. Rill

Public Present: Ms. Gorra, Mr. Charles

Chairman Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He then seated himself, Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Cole, Ms. Gager and Ms. Matteo for Mr. Carey.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES (19 sec.):**

MOTION: To approve the July 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes, by Chairman Hileman, seconded by Mr. Rimsky, passed 5-0 vote.

**PENDING APPLICATION(S) (51sec.):**

There were no Pending Applications this evening.

**OTHER BUSINESS (59sec):**

**Economic Development Committee Update:**

Chairman Hileman reported that the Committee will be meeting next Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 9:30am to review Summer activities as well as an update regarding WiFi in Washington Depot. He hopes to supply an update at the next Planning Commission meeting.

**Sustainability Committee:**

Ms. Gager stated that the Committee is waiting for four items from the Board of Selectmen to complete in order to move forward with the review as part of the application. The committee missed the deadline at the end of August, but hoped to make the next deadline in March.

#### **POCD – 5 Year Review:**

Mr. Cole and Chairman Hileman met with Mr. Solley, Chairman of the Zoning Commission and feel that they had an informative discussion. Mr. Cole would like to meet with Ms. Gager regarding the Sustainability Committee as well. Mr. Cole stated that he wished to have a report to submit to the Planning Commission for next month's meeting.

Ms. Gager reminded the Commission that in 2013, the State had granted a one-year extension to submit the Plan of Conservation and Development, making the next due date 2023. She advised that the Commission may want to consider deciding how this would be approached sometime soon, considering that funding would have to be added to the town's budget for any consulting services that may be needed. The Commission agreed with Ms. Gager, and would have further discussion at an upcoming meeting, with a goal of getting started by early 2020.

#### **Referral from Zoning Commission – Revisions of Section 12.8 – Temporary Uses (21min.45sec.):**

The Commission was presented with a draft of the Revisions of Zoning Regulation Section 12.8 – Temporary Uses. Ms. White informed the Commission that she had contacted Ms. Ayer of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments regarding whether or not the Commission could accept pieces of the referral while denying others, or if they needed to accept (or deny), the entire referral as a whole, and Ms. Ayer had confirmed that it was either a full pass or a full denial. After reading through and discussing the Section and Sub-sections at length, the Planning Commission decided that there were a number of items that were not consistent with the 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development. Chairman Hileman stated that he would be writing the Zoning Commission a letter stating why the Planning Commission decided that the Referral of Zoning Regulation Section 12.8 was not consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development, and he would be doing so before the Zoning Commissions Public Hearing on October 28, 2019.

**MOTION:** The Washington Planning Commission finds that the Referral from The Washington Zoning Commission regarding Regulation Section 12.8 – Temporary Uses, is inconsistent with the 2014 Town of Washington Plan of Conservation and Development, by Chairman Hileman, seconded by Ms. Gager, passed 5-0 vote.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS (1hr 1min. 30sec.):**

There were no communications this evening.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS (1hr. 1min. 48sec.):**

Chairman Hileman stated that he would not be able to attend the scheduled October 2, 2019 Planning Committee Meeting. He asked the Commission if they would rather hold the regularly scheduled meeting without him, or if they would prefer to hold the meeting on Tuesday, October 1,

2019 instead. The Commission decided that they would rather hold the meeting on October 1, 2019 so that Chairman Hileman was present.

MOTION: To reschedule the October 2, 2019 Planning Commission meeting to October 1, 2019 at 7:30pm, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, Washington Depot, CT, by Chairman Hileman, seconded by Mr. Cole, passed 5-0 vote.

MOTION: To adjourn the September 4, 2019 Planning Commission meeting at 8:38pm, by Ms. Gager, seconded by Mr. Cole, passed 5-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Rill

Land Use Clerk

September 9, 2019

**\*All documents on file in the Land Use Office**

**\*\*Minutes subject to approval**

**\*\*\*A recording of this meeting is available upon request**