

September 3, 2013

7:30, Upper Level Mtg Room

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

Alternates Present: Ms. Bishop-Wrabel

Alternates Absent: Mr. Carey

Staff Present: Ms. Hill, Ms. White

Also Present: Mr. Bedini

Ms. Roberts, Chair called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Seated: Ms. Roberts, Ms. Jahnke, Mr. Frank, Ms. Gager, Ms. Bishop-Wrabel

Subsequent Business:

Motion:

to add consideration of the minutes from the Special Meeting of July 24th, 2013
by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Frank, passed by 5-0 vote.

Consideration of the Minutes:

The commissioners considered the minutes from the regularly scheduled August 6, Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion:

to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2013 as submitted,
by Ms. Gager, seconded by Ms. Bishop-Wrabel, passed by 5-0 vote.

The commissioners considered the minutes from the August 21, 2013 Special Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion:

to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2013 as submitted,
by Ms. Gager, seconded by Ms. Bishop-Wrabel, passed by 5-0 vote.

The commissioners considered the minutes from the July 24, 2013 Special Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion:

to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2013 as submitted,
by Ms. Gager, seconded by Ms. Roberts, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications:

There were no new applications to discuss.

Other Business:

Plan of Conservation and Development

7:35 pm Mr. Rimsky arrives and is seated.

Ms. Roberts read the proposed introduction for the updated POCD in Ms. Hill's notes to the Commission. She read the additional sentence that Mr. Frank suggested to add to the third paragraph.

The commissioners discussed the proposed introduction. They agreed that the term "updated POCD" should be used consistently throughout the document.

It was the consensus of the commissioners that Ms. Hill should send the notes to Milone & MacBroom. There was a brief discussion regarding communications with the planning consultants. Ms. Gager read her proposed email to Mr. Looney regarding the contract between the Town of Washington and Milone & MacBroom for the updating of the POCD.

Mr. Frank stated that he was concerned about the timing.

The commissioners discussed the timeline. It was noted that the due date for the updated POCD is June 2014.

Mr. Frank suggested that the commission set a projected date for the public hearing for the town and work backward from there. He stated that the draft updated POCD has to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen and the regional planning agency 65 days prior to the public hearing and has to be on the town website 35 days prior to the public hearing.

Communications:

8/12/13 Letter from Ms. Ayer, Director NWCTCOG

Ms. Gager suggested contacting the Northwest Connecticut Council of Governments to aid the Planning Commission with the items mentioned in the POCD that they would like to study further.

Ms. Hill distributed the 8/12/13 letter introducing Ms. Ayer as the new Director of the NWCTCOG.

Other Business, Cont:

Plaza Improvements

Mr. Rimsky stated that he had not received any information regarding the Bryan Memorial Plaza Improvements Committee.

Public Comment:

Mr. Bedini gave an update regarding the Board of Education and Region 12 Schools.

Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn at 8:30 by Mr. Rimsky.

Ms. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

SUBMITTED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL:

Shelley White, Land Use Clerk