

May 1, 2012

7:30 p.m. Land Use Meeting Room

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

Members Absent: Ms. Gager

Alternates Present: Mr. Carey, Mr. Osborne

Alternates Absent: Ms. Braverman

Staff Present: Ms. White, Ms. Hill

Also Present: Mr. Picton

Ms. Roberts called the Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Seated: Roberts, Frank, Rimsky, Jahnke, Carey, Alt.

Consideration of the Minutes

Regular Meeting of April 3, 2012 and Special Meeting of April 24, 2012

The Commission considered the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission on April 3, 2012 and the minutes from the Special Meeting of April 24, 2012.

Motion

to accept the March 6, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 24, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes of the Planning Commission as submitted,
by Mr. Rimsky and seconded by Mr. Frank, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications

There were no new applications to consider.

Other Business

Available Grants:

Ms. Hill stated that there have been no updates regarding the grant from the NWCOG.

Revision of Subdivision Regulations:

Ms. Roberts asked that they revisit this subject at a later date.

Plan of Conservation and Development

Ms. Roberts stated that the Special Meetings held on April 24 and 27, 2012 allowed for the Planning Commissioners to meet with potential candidates for the consultant position. She stated that the Commission could make the decision tonight if everyone is in agreement as to which candidate should be hired or they may decide that another Special Meeting is required.

The Commission discussed the candidates' interviews. One of the Commissioners stated that he is leaning toward a candidate who seems to be able to "get the job done without all the bells and

whistles and get it done on time” and that the candidate’s quote is within the budget. A few of the Commissioners agreed that experience in a small community similar to Washington is important and they would like someone who could take a fresh look at the Town’s needs. Various other factors involved in the selection process were discussed, including experience in dealing with the subject areas which may be emphasized in the POCD revision. All of the Commissioners agreed reasonable availability of the candidate to come to Washington for meetings with the Commission and the community was an important factor in their consideration.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the quotes that were submitted. Ms. Roberts stated that she is willing to go to the Selectmen to get more money to pay for whomever the Commission agrees is the right candidate, if necessary.

The Commission agreed that scheduling a special meeting would be necessary in order to allow time to receive and review the additional information requested of the candidates and to check references. A Special Meeting of the Town of Washington Planning Commission was scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2012 at 5:00 pm in the Land Use Meeting Room at Bryan Memorial Town Hall.

Communications

Ms. Roberts read a letter, dated April 19, 2012, from Barbara Braverman resigning from her position as an Alternate Member of the Planning Commission. Ms. Roberts stated that she feels that Ms. Braverman brought ability and reliability to the Planning Commission and she knew what is good for the Town. The members of the Planning Commission expressed their regret at Ms. Braverman’s resignation and thanked her for her dedication and time.

The Commission agreed that a replacement for the open Alternate position should be found as soon as possible. Mr. Carey suggested posting something on the Town Website.

Privilege of the Floor

No one from the public was present.

Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn by Mr. Rimsky, seconded by Mr. Jahnke, passed by 5-0 vote.

Ms. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley White, Land Use Clerk