

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Bryan Memorial Town Hall
Post Office Box 383
Washington Depot, Connecticut 06794
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
MINUTES
April 3, 2024

7:30 P.M. – Hybrid Meeting

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

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:

Chair Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

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

Consideration of the Minutes – March 6, 2024:

MOTION: To approve the March 6, 2024 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as written, C. Matteo made the Motion and D. Rimsky seconded, approved unanimous.

New Applications:

No new applications.

Pending Applications:

No pending applications

Committee Reports/Updates:

Sustainability:

M. Gorra discussed how the committee is putting together an Earth Day newsletter which will be all about sustainability topics. The newsletter will include updates on how the recycling initiatives in town are going as well as other topics of interests. The committee will be participating in the Earth Day event that is being sponsored by WEC at Judy Black Park. M. Gorra also attended the budget presentation and it seems as though their (Sustainability) budget has remained intact thus far.

Economic Development Committee:

M. Gorra updated the commission on the town's restaurant week that is being held April 18th.

This event is going to be where food and the arts meet and the EDC has approved supporting the organization and promoting of it. Along with participation from area restaurants there will also be some art events being held during this week. The committee plans on sending out more promotional post and flyers as the event draws closer.

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

Section 13.16 – Shop and Storage Use

Various Sections- State Licensed Group Day Care Home

The Washington Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed revisions and they found them to be consistent with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

MOTION: To send both referrals on to the Zoning Commission, D. Rimsky made the motion, seconded by C. Matteo, approved unanimous.

Continued Discussion – 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development:

No updates or progress to report for this meeting but the commission did discuss planning possible outreach events as a way to get the 2024 POCD out and in front of residents/people. The Commission will look into setting up a table at Community day as well as scheduling events/meetings at the Library, St. Andrews, The Women's Club, and Town Hall.

Communications:

No Communications for this meeting.

Administrative Business:

Changing the Planning Commission meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00 pm with the scheduled meeting dates to stay the same.

Motion: To change the time of the meetings from 7:30 to 7:00 pm, made by C. Matteo, seconded by W. Hileman, approved unanimous.

Adjourn:

MOTION: To adjourn the April 3, 2024 Washington Planning Commission Regular Meeting at 8:13 pm, made by D. Varnish, seconded by W. Hileman, approved unanimously.

Recording can be found here:

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Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Tingley

Land Use Clerk

April 9, 2024

***Minutes filed, subject to approval**