

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Bryan Memorial Town Hall
Post Office Box 383
Washington Depot, Connecticut 06794
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
MINUTES
August 2, 2023

7:30 P.M. – Hybrid Meeting

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: S. Gager, C. Matteo

ALTERNATES PRESENT: D. Varnish

ALTERNATES ABSENT: S. Mongar

STAFF PRESENT: S. White, M. Gorra

PUBLIC PRESENT: A. Jamieson (Voices), B. Hagenbuch, M. Solomon

Chair Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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

Consideration of the Minutes – July 5, 2023:

The Commissioners noted that no amendments were necessary.

MOTION: To approve the July 5, 2023 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted, by D. Rimsky made the Motion and D. Varnish seconded, approved 4-0 vote.

Motion to Include Items Not on the Agenda:

No items to add to the Agenda

New Applications:

No new applications.

Pending Applications:

No pending applications

Committee Reports/Updates:

Sustainability:

There was no update available.

Economic Development Committee:

There was no update available.

Continued Discussion – 2023 Plan of Conservation and Development:

Conceptual Land Use Plan was discussed. Noted that we do not have one and it needs to be addressed. First draft of map is half way done. Anticipating next meeting we will have a text only draft of said map.

HVA needs current land use map in order to complete conceptual land use map. Commission discussed correcting “big obvious” mistakes on current land use map as a first step. It was mentioned making categories that correspond with planning/land use not accessor-based categories.

Commission noted the need to separate commercial, multi-family housing and residential housing.

Commission noted categories need to encompass the predominant use of the building. It was also discussed noting exactly what the town owns as well as the removal of industrial since the town has no industrial zones.

The Commission felt residential vacant land was not a sufficient category because no land is really vacant if it has the ability to be developed. It was discussed the complexity of the categories because one piece of land can have multiple uses.

Discussions were had about categorizing land owned by educational institutions and whether because they own it that it should be categorized under school. Ultimately education was the best term to be used to encompass school grounds as well as other land owned by said school.

The Commission worked the map counter clockwise to ultimately ensure notes in regards to categories for HVA were made. Commercial zones (purple) were found to be the most mislabeled.

Communications:

No Communications for this meeting.

Administrative Business:

No Administrative Business for this meeting.

Adjourn:

MOTION: To adjourn the August 2, 2023 Washington Planning Commission Regular Meeting at 8:46pm by D. Rimsky made the Motion and J. Averill seconded, approved 4-0 vote. Meeting Recording can be found here:

https://townofwashingtoncc-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/jnolletti_washingtonct_org/EeWtFX3LCWBBu0V5vPu9V8UBsLAVdYqQ6ZXeCFT8IyAYGQ?e=6dhBhf

Respectfully Submitted,

Justine Nolletti

Land Use Clerk

August 4, 2023

***Minutes filed, subject to approval**