

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Bryan Memorial Town Hall
Post Office Box 383
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Planning Commission Regular Meeting
MINUTES
August 3, 2022

7:30 P.M. – Hybrid Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Hileman, D. Rimsky, C. Matteo, S. Gager

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALTERNATES PRESENT: J. Averill, D. Varnish

ALTERNATES ABSENT: S. Mongar

STAFF PRESENT: T. Rill, S. White, M. Gorra

PUBLIC PRESENT: C. Charles, H. Barnet, M. Giapponi, R. Solomon, M. Solomon

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

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

Consideration of the Minutes:

MOTION: To accept the July 6, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted, by D. Rimsky seconded by J. Averill, approved unanimously.

Motion to Include Items Not on the Agenda:

The Commission was saddened to hear of the passing of Paul Frank, former Planning Commission Chair, whose countless contributions to the Commission were very appreciated. Sincere condolences to his wife, Linda, and his family.

New Applications:

There were no new applications.

Pending Applications:

There were no pending applications.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Sustainability Committee:

C. Matteo informed the Commission that Sustainability has met and discussed action items, including hiring a consultant for the revisions/updates to the Plan of Conservation and Development. The Commission discussed funds available for this and what would be needed to access those funds, including justification of expenditure.

Economic Development Committee:

M. Gorra stated that the Welcome Center project has design plans and is moving along nicely.

The pedestrian signs have been put in place.

A new point of contact has been made at the Northwest Council of Governments, (“the C.O.G”), who believes that the Titus Road project, (sidewalks), may be a good candidate for the Transportation Rural Improvement Program Grant – which would need to be presented by the C.O.G to the State. The grant is not open as of yet, but the Commission will be updated in the months to come.

Broadband Committee:

No update available.

Continued Discussion – 2023 Plan of Conservation and Development:

Review of 2014 POCD Goals and Strategies:

The Commission reviewed Chapter 6: Natural Resources.

M. Giapponi of Steep Rock Association informed the Commission that the Town of Washington currently has 28% of open space. The 2014 POCD goal was 30%.

Numerous items in Chapter 6 have been met or were a work in progress.

The Commission reviewed Chapter 7: Community Facilities and felt that many items have been attended to.

Communications:

Request for Discussion of Possible 8-24 Referral – Day Care Center:

Chair Hileman explained that an 8-24 Referral is required when, as in this case, a change in use of a municipal property happens. Typically, the Board of Selectmen come forward with the request of the 8-24 Referral when there is a complete plan in place.

Lot Line Revision of 40-42 Nettleton Hollow Road:

Chair Hileman explained that he signed off on a Lot Line Revision for 40-42 Nettleton Hollow Road administratively.

Administrative Business:

Revision of Subdivision Regulations: Final Review of Section 5:

Most of the revisions to Section 5 were basic grammar corrections and initial capitalizing of terms defined in the regulations.

The phrase “preservation of rural environment” must be changed to “preservation of Town’s physical characteristics”. This change is due to PA 21-29, where the term “rural characteristics” is no longer allowed in the regulations.

Tables 1 and 2 will be eliminated.

The terms “streets” and “roads” will be used synonymously.

Chair Hileman stated that Chapter 2: Definitions of Subdivisions, will be the last chapter to be reviewed and from there will be sent to the Commission’s attorney for review.

The **Draft** version of the Revision of Subdivision Regulations to date can be found here:

https://townofwashingtongcc-my.sharepoint.com/personal/swhite_washingtonct_org/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fwhite%2Fwashingtongcc%2Fdocs%2FDocuments%2FPC%20mtgs%2FRev%20of%20SubDiv%20Regs%2F8%2D3%2D2022%2Fas%20of%2FSubdiv%20Regs%20Revisions%20w%2Fcomments%2Epdf&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fwhite%2Fwashingtongcc%2Fdocs%2FDocuments%2FPC%20mtgs%2FRev%20of%20SubDiv%20Regs&ga=1

Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the August 3, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting at 8:48pm, by J. Averill, seconded by D. Rimsky, approved unanimously.

Meeting Recording available here:

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Respectfully Submitted,

**Tammy Rill
Land Use Clerk
August 8, 2022**