

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Bryan Memorial Town Hall
Post Office Box 383
Washington Depot, Connecticut 06794
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
MINUTES
September 7, 2022

7:30 P.M. – Hybrid Meeting

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: S. Gager

ALTERNATES PRESENT: J. Averill, D. Varnish, S. Mongar

ALTERNATES ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: C. Charles, H. Barnet

Chair Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:33pm

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

Consideration of the Minutes:

MOTION: To accept the August 3, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted, by J. Averill seconded by D. Varnish, approved unanimously.

Motion to Include Items Not on the Agenda:

There were no items to be added.

New Applications:

There were no new applications.

Pending Applications:

There were no pending applications.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Sustainability Committee:

C. Matteo stated that she had met with M. Gorra to discuss Action Items for the POCD and progress has been made.

Economic Development Committee:

M. Gorra stated that the quarterly newsletter had been mailed out last week. Also, there has been progress with the Welcome Center located at the Legion Hall.

Broadband Committee:

Chair Hileman informed the Commission that the Committee had not met, however their goal was to apply for ARPA funding to conduct a feasibility study.

Continued Discussion – 2023 Plan of Conservation and Development:

A. Discuss Overall Layout of 2023 Plan:

The Commission discussed beginning the Plan with their “Report Card” of each Section. The Report Card gives insight to what has and has not been addressed in the previous POCD. They also discussed adding a list of which Commission is responsible for each section as well. The Commission also supported the idea of checking in with each Commission every year to measure progress.

The Commission also discussed weaving Sustainability into each Section rather than having their own separate Section, so that all areas of the POCD have a Sustainability component in it.

Discussion of the Village Center’s and

B. Schedule Public Outreach Sessions:

The Commission agreed to reach out to the owners of local meeting places so that they could begin to schedule outreach sessions for each area of town. Suggestions included the Parish Hall of the First Congregational Church, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Montessori School, St. Andrew’s Meeting Hall, the Congregational Church in New Preston, as well as discussing an option of where to meet with the Lake Waramaug Association.

Review of 2014 POCD Goals and Strategies:

Communications:

There will be a Housing Presentation on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Steep Rock Association is interested in acquiring some land located near the pinnacle in New Preston and are seeking a grant to do so. They have asked Chair Hileman to write a letter on their behalf. The Commission agreed that Chair Hileman will write a letter of support.

Administrative Business:

Revision of Subdivision Regulations: Final Review of Section 2:

Chair Hileman stated that there were several definitions listed in the Subdivision Regulations that were not used in the Regulation language that he would be removing. There were also some definitions that would be added, including "Site Development Map", "Conservation Easement" and "Storm Water Management Plan". Once complete, the Regulations will be sent to Attorney Olson for her review.

The Commissioners discussed a conversation D. Rimsky had with a resident concerning water quality testing in all water bodies throughout Washington. The Commission agreed to look into the matter.

Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the September 8, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting at 8:48pm by D. Rimsky, seconded by C. Matteo, approved unanimously.

Meeting Recording available here:

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Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Rill

**Tammy Rill
Land Use Clerk
September 7, 2022**

*Minutes are subject to Approval