

Bryan Memorial Town Hall
Post Office Box 383
Washington Depot, Connecticut 06794
Planning Commission Regular Meeting

MINUTES

November 2, 2022

7:30 P.M. – Hybrid Meeting

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: S. Gager

ALTERNATES PRESENT: J. Averill (via Zoom), D. Varnish, S. Mongar

ALTERNATES ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: C. Charles, L. Anderson, M. Giapponi

Chair Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:39pm.

Seated for this meeting is Chair Hileman, D. Rimsky, C. Matteo, S Mongar and D. Varnish

Consideration of the Minutes:

On page two of the September 7, 2022 Planning Minutes, there is an incomplete sentence. Chair Hileman suggested striking the entire sentence, and the Commission agreed.

MOTION: To accept the September 7, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as amended, by D. Rimsky seconded by C. Matteo, approved unanimously.

Motion to Include Items Not on the Agenda:

No Items to add.

New Applications:

None

Pending Applications:

None.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Sustainability Committee:

C. Matteo informed the Commissioners that she and M. Gorra have been working on the Equity Tool Kit and it was almost complete. M. Gorra added that the Committee have discussed community outreach on topics such as invasive species.

Economic Development:

M. Gorra shared that at last months meeting, the metrics of the Explore Washington website as well as the social media data was discussed. The power point presentation can be found here:

https://www.washingtonct.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf1396/f/uploads/-_washington_10-19-22_metrics_presentation_sm.pdf

M. Gorra added that the Harvest Festival in October was highly successful with an approximate 3,000 people attending. Local businesses have also reported a busy and active Fall season.

Broadband Committee:

Chair Hileman reported that the Committee has put in a request of funds from the ARPA Fund for a feasibility study regarding broadband.

Chair Hileman added that he had attended an informational meeting in the Town of Sharon. Sharon has conducted a feasibility study regarding broadband and presented their findings to the public. The project – which included supplying the service to every home, could cost an estimated 12.5 million. Other offers from competing companies priced the work at 3.5 million, however the town would not own the service. The Commission discussed the positive and negative effects this could have on the town.

Continued Discussion – 2023 Plan of Conservation and Development:

The Commission met with the Lake Waramaug Association in October to discuss the POCD. The Association's current concern is wave boats on the Lake and the erosion they cause to the shoreline.

Chair Hileman offered to pick dates for other Community Outreach meetings. The Commission agreed that Winter and Spring dates should, and most likely will be, offered.

Communications:

S. White informed the Commission that the revisions to the Subdivision Regulations have been sent to Attorney Olsen for her review.

The Programming Committee of the Community Center has a survey out currently regarding Senior Services.

Administrative Business:

None.

Adjourn:

MOTION: To adjourn the November 2, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting at 8:28pm, by C. Matteo, seconded by D. Varnish, approved unanimously.

The recording of this meeting can be found here:

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Respectfully Submitted,

**Tammy Rill
Land Use Clerk
November 4, 2022**