

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

MINUTES

December 7, 2022

7:30 P.M. – Hybrid Meeting

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: S. Gager

ALTERNATES PRESENT: D. Varnish

ALTERNATES ABSENT: S. Mongar, J. Averill

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: S. Hayden

Chair Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

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

Consideration of the Minutes:

C. Matteo pointed out that the Commission had met with the residents of Lake Waramaug to discuss pressing issues, not the Lake Waramaug Association as mentioned on page 2 of the November 2, 2022 Minutes.

MOTION: To accept the November 2, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as amended, by Chair Hileman, seconded by D. Rimsky, 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 reported that the Equity Tool Kit that is required to obtain Silver Status from Sustainable CT is complete and will be submitted soon.

Economic Development:

M. Gorra reported that Washington is in the beginning phases of forming an Arts Council. Several residents have expressed interest in joining. The group is hoping to begin meeting in January of 2023.

Broadband Committee:

Chair Hileman informed the Commission that Woodbury, CT has put out an RFP for a feasibility study as well as a needs assessment regarding broadband.

Continued Discussion – 2023 Plan of Conservation and Development:

C. Matteo, regarding an added update for the Sustainability Committee, informed the Commission that Sustainability has asked the Board of Finance for \$4,000 for community outreach and education. They were denied based on the determination that it was not an emergency, and were encouraged to add the amount in the next budget cycle.

Chair Hileman stated that the Planning Commission will begin the process of updating the Plan of Conservation and Development in January of 2023, and hopes to weave Sustainability throughout the entire plan.

Communications:

Response from Counsel re: Proposed Revisions to Subdivision Regulations:

The Commission received comments from legal counsel regarding the proposed revisions. The Commission reviewed the comments, with a few being misinterpreted by Counsel.

Chair Hileman stated that he will make the edits and corrections to the regulations, send the final version to S. White and she will then send them to the appropriate Counsel of Governments for their review, and from there a Public Hearing can be scheduled for approval.

Administrative Business:

Approve the 2023 Meeting Calendar:

MOTION: To approve the Washington Planning Commission 2023 Regular Meeting Calendar, by C. Matteo, seconded by D. Varnish, approved unanimously.

Adjourn:

MOTION: To adjourn the December 7, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting at 8:32pm, by Chair Hileman, 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
December 9, 2022