

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Bryan Memorial Town Hall
Post Office Box 383
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Planning Commission Regular Meeting
MINUTES
January 4, 2023

7:30 P.M. – Hybrid Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Hileman, D. Rimsky, C. Matteo, S. Gager (via Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

ALTERNATES ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: C. Charles, B. Hagenbuch

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm.

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

Consideration of the Minutes:

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

Motion to Include Items Not on the Agenda:

None.

New Applications:

None.

Pending Applications:

None.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Sustainability Committee:

C. Matteo reported that the Washington Transfer Station will now be separating their glass recycling and are hoping to separate textiles in the near future.

She added that Board of Selectmen member, J. Hubelbank, has been looking into more EV charging stations to be placed in other areas of Washington, such as New Preston and Marbledale.

Economic Development Committee:

M. Gorra reported that the Community Center Survey results are in. Those results can be found here:

https://www.washingtonct.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf1396/f/uploads/community_center_survey_summative_report.pdf

Broadband Committee:

Chair Hileman reported that Frontier Communications has approached Washington with the intent to supply Fiber Optic Internet to homes in Washington. The downside is that the entire town will not be covered. Chair Hileman stated that more information will be passed along when it is available.

Continued Discussion – 2023 Plan of Conservation and Development:

Chair Hileman supplied a chart that listed all of the main topics covered in the previous Plan of Conservation and Development. Demographics and Housing, Sustainability, Natural Resources and Open Space, Municipal Facilities and Infrastructure, Zoning, Village Centers and Economic and Community Development were the topics outlined. The Commission discussed what they felt needed more attention, what should be addressed overall and brainstormed ways to implement their ideas. The Commission will be meeting with members of the public within the next few months to hear their suggestions. Chair Hileman stated that the next step will be to take each “chunk” of the existing Plan and update them as the Commission moves forward, beginning with the Introduction and then tackling the easier edits first.

Communications:

Chair Hileman that within the next few weeks, he would be meeting with staff regarding Low Impact Development.

Administrative Business:

Election of Officers:

MOTION: To nominate Wayne Hileman as Washington Planning Commission Chair for 2023, by: D. Rimsky, seconded by S. Mongar, passed unanimously.

MOTION: To nominate Dimitri Rimsky as Washington Planning Commission Vice Chair for 2023, by: C. Matteo, seconded by J. Averill, passed unanimously.

Reminder for Training Requirements:

Chair Hileman reminded the Commissioners that the State of Connecticut will now be requiring members to partake in four-hours of training each year. The Land Use Office presented Commission members with an opportunity to attend the Connecticut Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards and Commissions course hosted by the Connecticut Bar Association on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 9:00am via Zoom.

Adjourn:

MOTION: To Adjourn the January 4, 2023 Washington Planning Commission Meeting at 9:14pm, by D. Rimsky, seconded by Chair Hileman, passed unanimously.

Link to Meeting Recording:

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Respectfully Submitted,

**Tammy Rill
Land Use Clerk
January 6, 2023**