

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Bryan Memorial Town Hall**  
**Post Office Box 383**  
**Washington Depot, Connecticut 06794**  
**Planning Commission Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 1, 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

**ALTERNATES ABSENT:** S. Mongar

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

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** B. Hagenbuch, Boy Scouts of America Troop 65

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

Chair Hileman welcomed Boy Scout Troop 65, who were in attendance to earn a merit badge.

**Consideration of the Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To accept the January 4, 2023 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted, by C. Matteo, seconded by J. Averill, approved unanimously.

**Motion to Include Items Not on the Agenda:**

There were no items to add to the Agenda

**New Applications:**

No New Applications

**Pending Applications:**

No Pending Applications.

**Committee Reports/Updates:**

#### Sustainability:

Nothing new to report.

#### Economic Development:

M. Gorra reported that the Day Care Center is currently on hold.

Budget discussions and goal setting were topics of the last meeting.

#### Broadband Committee:

Chair Hileman had nothing new to report regarding the Broadband Committee, however, he has observed Frontier vehicles possibly inspecting poles in the area.

#### **Continued Discussion – 2023 Plan of Conservation and Development:**

##### Conservation and Open Space:

The Commission discussed the current Plan of Conservation and Development and what goals, issues and strategies for the new Plan could and should be. The Commissioners agreed that sustainability should be a key focus in the overall plan, and added updating the 2000 Natural Resources and Inventory Report, Codify and Adopting Low Impact Development practices, implement a town-wide strategy for Invasive Species (plants and insects), Incentivize fee-in-lieu of Open Space, Maintain Soil-based Zoning and Increase Watershed Protections for Lake Waramaug to the Natural Resources, Historic Features and Open Space chapter of the 2023 POCD.

The 2000 Natural Resources and Inventory Report can be found here:

[https://www.washingtonct.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif1396/f/uploads/washington\\_connecticut\\_natural\\_resource\\_inventory\\_report\\_and\\_recommendations\\_book.pdf](https://www.washingtonct.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif1396/f/uploads/washington_connecticut_natural_resource_inventory_report_and_recommendations_book.pdf)

#### **Communications:**

None.

#### **Administrative Business:**

##### Schedule Public Hearing – Revisions to the Subdivision Regulations:

**MOTION: To Schedule a Public Hearing for the Revisions to the Subdivision Regulations – and seek public comment on the revisions, for the April 5, 2023 Washington Planning Commission Meeting at 7:30pm in the Main Meeting Room of Bryan Memorial Town Hall as well as via Zoom Video Conference. Motion made by Chair Hileman, seconded by D. Rimsky, approved unanimously.**

Reminder for March CBA Land Use Course:

Chair Hileman reminded the Commissioners of the Connecticut Bar Associations Land Use Course that will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023. The Land Use Office needs registration forms to be submitted as soon as possible.

The Commission discussed possible edits to the Land Use maps. Chair Hileman encouraged the Commission to review them for discussion at a future date.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION: To Adjourn the February 1, 2023 Washington Planning Commission Meeting at 8:59pm, by C. Matteo, seconded by D. Rimsky, approved unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy Rill*

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

Meeting Recording can be found here:

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