

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

MINUTES

April 6, 2022

7:30 P.M. – Hybrid Meeting

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Gager

ALTERNATES PRESENT: D. Varnish

ALTERNATES ABSENT: J. Averill, S. Monger

STAFF PRESENT: T. Rill, M. Gorra

PUBLIC PRESENT: C. Charles

Chair Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Chair Hileman, C. Matteo, D. Rimsky, and D. Varnish were seated for this meeting.

Consideration of the Minutes:

Chair Hileman proposed a correction to the following:

Page 3: Chair Hileman explained that the language, “preservation of Washington’s rural character” sounds *inclusive....*”, edit inclusive to say, “exclusive”.

MOTION: To accept the March 2, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as amended, by C. Matteo, seconded by D. Rimsky, approved unanimously.

Motion to Include Items Not on Agenda:

No items to add.

New Applications:

No New Applications.

Pending Applications:

No Pending Applications.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Sustainability Committee:

C. Matteo reported that a Resiliency Workshop was attended by several residents recently. Subjects of discussion included the Community Center, Planning and Zoning combining as one Commission and Storm Preparedness.

The Sustainability Committee will be working to obtain their Silver status this Fall.

An Earth Day event celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Washington Environmental Council will be taking place on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Judy Black Park, from 11am-1pm.

Economic Development Committee:

M. Gorra stated that the Committee was currently overviewing their goals for the year. Plans for the Welcome Center were underway as well as estimates for the Child Care Center.

She questioned if a possible map overlay of the Business Districts could be obtained. She added that this would be valuable information for the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Continued Discussion – 2023 Plan of Conservation and Development:

Review of 2014 POCD Goals & Strategies – Chapter 4: Village Centers:

The Commission reviewed Chapter 4: Village Centers – page 34.

The main concern for each village center is that several of the goals had not been met, and that the Zoning Commission had modified the Regulations in a way that made it more difficult and restrictive for the Village Centers.

The Commission noted that they would like to reach out to the Village of Marbledale to discuss their Center.

In New Preston, the Commission is pleased with the sidewalks added to the area, along with the promotion of business in the Center.

In Woodville, the Commission could not find any goals met for this area.

On the Washington Green, several goals had been met regarding promotion of business.

Communications

Chair Hileman announced he is no longer the Chair of Northwest Connect.

M. Gorra announced that the Community Housing Trust will be applying for a Community Block Grant from the State of Connecticut to update the Dodge Farm Apartments and asked Chair Hileman if he could write a letter in favor of the proposed work to be done. The application is due in May of 2022.

Administrative Business

Revision of Subdivision Regulations – final review of Section 4:

Chair Hileman reminded the Commission that Section 3 and 4 will be flipped.

The Commission would like to consider adding a policy regarding digital versions of the applications.

The Commission would also like to clarify what a Site Development Map is and what a Subdivision Plan is. The map is usually done by an Engineer, while the plan is created by a surveyor.

The Commission questions the requirement of Section 4.4.11 – State Plane Coordinates. Chair Hileman stated the Commission will seek council from Attorney Olson as they move forward.

Adjourn:

MOTION: To adjourn the April 6, 2022 Washington Planning Commission Meeting at 8:31pm, by D. Varnish, seconded by C. Matteo, approved unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,

**Tammy Rill
Land Use Clerk
April 8, 2022**

*Minutes are subject to approval