

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Bryan Memorial Town Hall
Post Office Box 383
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Planning Commission Regular Meeting
MINUTES
December 2, 2020

7:30 P.M. – Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Hileman, Ms. Matteo, Mr. Rimsky

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Carey, Mr. Mongar, Ms. Gager

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. White, Ms. Rill

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mr. Charles, Ms. Gorra

REGULAR MEETING:

Chairman Hileman called the Meeting to Order at 7:30pm.

He then seated himself, Mr. Rimsky and Ms. Matteo.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION: To accept the November 4, 2020 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. By Mr. Rimsky, seconded by Chairman Hileman, passed 3-0 vote.

PENDING APPLICATIONS:

No Pending Applications.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

No New Applications.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Economic Development Committee Update:

Ms. Gorra, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, began by announcing that the Town wide newsletter was to be mailed out within a few days. She also updated the Commissioners regarding Holiday in the Depot, stating that it would be a drive-thru event.

Ms. Gorra went on to discuss a survey that the Housing Commission plans on making available to residents in the near future regarding the current affordable housing needs in Washington.

Lastly, Ms. Gorra stated that there would be a community discussion the last Thursday of January to discuss the proposed Senior/Community Center. There will also be a campaign for private fundraising for the Center in the future.

Sustainability Committee:

Ms. Matteo stated that she has met with Mr. Charles several times to discuss the committee and its work. Mr. Charles stated that Committee member, Mr. Jay Hubelbank, was encouraged to set a monthly meeting date to get the ball rolling once again.

POCD - 5-year Revisions:

Ms. White stated that the Zoning Commission has asked herself and Ms. Hill to come up with language regarding Section 3.2 - Zoning District Boundaries, and extending the waiver to Washington Depot and Woodville.

Re-opening Committee:

Mr. Rimsky stated that there were signs that are currently being printed that encourages mask wearing and safe social distancing. The signs will be placed on street signs and on lawns throughout Washington.

Chairman Hileman stated that Dr. Braverman informed the Committee that there would soon be another COVID testing site in New Milford.

Mr. Rimsky stated that The Frederick Gunn School has officially moved to remote learning.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Referral from Washington Zoning Commission regarding Revisions to Zoning Regulations, Section 12.8 – Temporary Uses:

Chairman Hileman stated that he felt that the latest round of revisions did not change too much. The Commission agreed and asked Chairman Hileman to craft a letter to the Zoning Commission rejecting the current language of the referral and felt that it did not align with the 2014 Town of Washington Plan of Conservation and Development.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Chairman Hileman informed the Commission that he and Ms. Rill had gone over the meeting dates for 2021 and there were no scheduling conflicts for the year.

MOTION: To approve the 2021 Washington Planning Commission Calendar as presented, by Ms. Matteo, seconded by Mr. Rimsky, passed 3-0 vote

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the December 2, 2020 Washington Planning Commission Meeting at 8:30pm. By Mr. Rimsky, seconded by Ms. Matteo, passed 3-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Rill

Tammy Rill
Land Use Clerk
December 7, 2020