

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

**MINUTES**

June 3, 2020

7:30 P.M. – Meeting via Zoom

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

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ms. White, Ms. Rill

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Mr. Sherr, Mr. Mongar

Chairman Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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

Chairman Hileman welcomed Mr. Mongar to this evenings meeting. Mr. Mongar has expressed interest in joining the Planning Commission.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES (1min. 00sec):**

MOTION: To approve the May 6, 2020 Washington Planning Commission meeting minutes as submitted, by Ms. Matteo, seconded by Mr. Rimsky, passed 3-0 vote.

**PENDING APPLICATIONS (1min. 25sec.):**

There are no Pending Applications for this evenings meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS (1min 36sec.):**

Economic Development Committee –

Chairman Hileman stated that the Committee did meet last month and received a number of updates, including an update on the former town garage site. There would be a feasibility study done to see if the site would be suitable for a Senior Center. The Committee would not be meeting in June due to a scheduling conflict.

### Sustainability Committee –

Chairman Hileman asked Ms. Matteo if she had been in touch with anyone from this Committee regarding joining. Ms. Matteo stated that she had not been in touch with anyone as of yet. Chairman Hileman stated that he would get in touch with the Committee and ask them to reach out to Ms. Matteo.

### POCD – 5-year Revisions:

Chairman Hileman explained that the revisions are on hold currently.

### **COMMUNICATIONS 3min. 44sec.):**

Chairman Hileman announced that the Town of Washington has now formed a re-opening committee. Chairman Hileman and Mr. Rimsky were both asked to be a part of this Committee with the goal of reaching out to members of the community as well as businesses in town, schools, and area non-profit organizations, to get a feel of what sort of assistance may be needed as Washington begins to re-open. The Town of Washington is also working on Covid-19 testing for all, taking a proactive approach towards the health and well-being of its residents. Mr. Rimsky emphasized that it is important for Washington residents to know that there is support and assistance available in town, and that it is confidential.

Chairman Hileman agreed with Mr. Rimsky, stating that outreach is important, especially when it comes to not only our full-time residents, but our part-time residents as well.

Chairman Hileman then informed the Commission that the Northwest Hill Council of Governments would be holding a meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 regarding affordable housing in the State of Connecticut.

Lastly, Chairman Hileman questioned Land Use staff regarding the Planning Commissions letter regarding a Waiver for Washington Depot and Woodville from Section 3.2 – Zoning District Boundaries, to the Zoning Commission. Ms. White and Ms. Rill informed the Commission that the letter had been distributed to the Zoning Commission members, however, due to Covid-19 the Zoning Commission had not met for two months, and was just recently meeting again. Ms. Rill and Ms. White stated that they would follow-up with Zoning Commission Chairman, Mr. Solley, and add the issue to the June 22, 2020 Agenda.

Mr. Rimsky questioned if there was any progress regarding 12.8 – Temporary Uses. Ms. White explained that the Zoning Commission prefers not to move forward with a Public Hearing until they can meet in person.

### **ADJOURNMENT (30min. 40sec.):**

MOTION: To adjourn the June 3, 2020 Washington Planning Commission meeting at 8:00pm, by Mr. Rimsky, seconded by Ms. Matteo, passed 3-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Rill

Land Use Clerk

June 8, 2020

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**\*\*Minutes subject to approval**

**\*\*\*A recording of this meeting is available upon request**