**WASHINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION: SUSTAINABLITY COMMITTEE**

Susan Jahnke (Chair), Mark Picton, Peter Armstrong, Dick Heffernon, Chris Charles

1/4/16 4:00 p.m. Congregational Church Parish Hall

Draft meeting notes by Mark Picton prepared 1/6/16

Attending: Susan Jahnke, Chris Charles, Mark Picton, Peter Armstrong, Dick Heffernon

Joining us: Howard Rosenfeld

The committee discussed the documents we are ready to submit to the Planning Commission at their Wednesday 1/6 meeting. These are:

* Summary of Sustainable Town Scenario
* Action Items with a one page summary.
* Farm enterprise incubator idea paper; example of a sustainability initiative.
* Letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding review of and input to the Bryan Plaza planning.
* Letter to the Board of Education regarding review of and input to the AG-STEM school plans.

We will be asking the Planning Commission to endorse a process of involvement in town affairs from the standpoint of sustainability.

Dick mentioned Great Barrington’s revitalization as an example, and a rooming house as a low cost housing option near the center.

Peter mentioned the need for a list of challenges facing the town and an illustration of how sustainable town planning could address them.

Howard pointed out that the challenges of communicating these issues effectively and we discussed possibilities.

We set the next meeting date for 2/1, 4:00 at the Parish Hall. The Planning Commission meets 2/3.