**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Bryan Memorial Town Hall**

**Washington Depot, CT**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

July 3, 2018

7:30 p.m. Main Level Meeting Room

**Commissioners Present:** Mr. Hileman, Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Carey, Ms. Gager,

**Commissioners Absent:** Mr. Bedini, Alt.

**Staff Present:** Ms. Hill,Ms. White

**Others Present:** Mr. Charles

**REGULAR MEETING:**

Mr. Hileman called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and seated himself, Mr. Carey, Mr. Rimsky, Ms. Gager.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Hileman noted that there was no quorum present at the regularly scheduled June 6, 2018 Planning Meeting so there are no minutes to review. The Commissioners will consider the minutes from the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting held on May 2, 2018 at the August meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Plan of Conservation and Development – Sustainability Subcommittee Report:**

Ms. Gager stated that she spoke with Mr. Hubelbank and Ms. Gil-Rogers about the program they attended, which was hosted by Sustainable CT. The Sustainable CT - Master Action List was distributed to the Commissioners.

Ms. Gager stated that she drafted a resolution using some of the language from both Sustainable CT and WEC that she distributed for consideration. She informed the Commission that the idea is to have a Committee appointed by the Selectmen and it is required that a Municipal Agent, such as a Selectman, is the Lead on this initiative. Ms. Gager noted that Sustainable CT has a goal to get all 169 towns in Connecticut to sign on, pass a resolution and work towards having more sustainable communities.

Ms. Gager met with Ms. Payne, Chairperson of the Conservation Commission, and Ms. Gil-Rogers and discussed representation of Inland Wetlands, Business Association, Lake Waramaug, etc. They agreed that the members must be Town residents.

Ms. Gager asked for feedback regarding her draft resolution before she presents it to the Selectmen. There was a brief discussion regarding the language of the resolution.

It was noted that this would not replace the Sustainability Committee. Ms. Gager suggested that the Commission would need to decide if they should continue to have a Subcommittee for Sustainability or have the Town sign on as part of Sustainable CT.

Mr. Hileman feels that if the Town signs on with Sustainable CT that there would be no need for a Sustainability Subcommittee.

The Commissioners briefly discussed who Sustainable CT is. It was noted that they are a nonprofit organization. The Commissioners looked at Sustainable CT’s website and reviewed the language in the draft resolution presented by Ms. Gager.

The Commissioners discussed transparency and FOIA requirements.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Hileman informed the Commission that Ms. Ryland has resigned from the Planning Commission due to family obligations.

**Administrative Business:**

**Revision of Subdivision Regulations – Section 7**

The Commissioners reviewed Section 7 and discussed revisions.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. By Ms. Gager, seconded by Mr. Rimsky, approved 4-0 vote.

**FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

Respectfully Submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Shelley White, Land Use Clerk

 July 5, 2018