



Washington Economic Development Committee  
Tues, Feb 26, 2019, 9:30AM  
Town Hall Conference Room

**Notes:**

> Washington by the Numbers – Housing - Wayne Hileman - **Not available**

> Gigabyte/Wifi Depot – Jay Hublebank (as available)

Jay will make a request for \$25K from the Town Capital Fund to initiate Wifi in the Depot in 2019-2020. Jay also provided copies of proposed legislative changes to Municipalities use of utility poles to provide broadband services. See attached.

> Washington Senior Services – Organizing a Conversation on Aging – Update #3

Dan Sherr reported the development of a survey to be implemented both using survey monkey and direct mail to establish priorities of need for Adult Services. The Steering Committee concluded that the weekenders should be included in the survey. As a result the survey will be implemented in late June and/or July. See attached.

> Young Working Families – Organizing a Conversation with the Community - Michael Jackson (as available) - **Not available**

> Communications – 2018 Performance Metrics – Julia Nable/SandorMax

Julia Nable a principal of SandorMax presented Google performance metrics for ExploreWashingtonCT.com over the last year.

> Washington Thinkubator – Early Thinking

Dan Sherr reported on a tour of (three) available spaces in the Depot. He was joined by Tony Vengrove, the leader of Makery on Bank St in New Milford. The intent is to establish Washington as an annex of the Makery. The Depot space would be devoted to weekenders seeking telecommuting facilities. However, an alternative strategy has emerged. Referred as HUBs, the space is multi-use and similar to the Makery. A Pop Up HUB, funded by a state grant as a community demonstration project, will be available for review in Warren, at the General Store, starting Mar 1 and running for three months.

> Bee Brook Park – Update

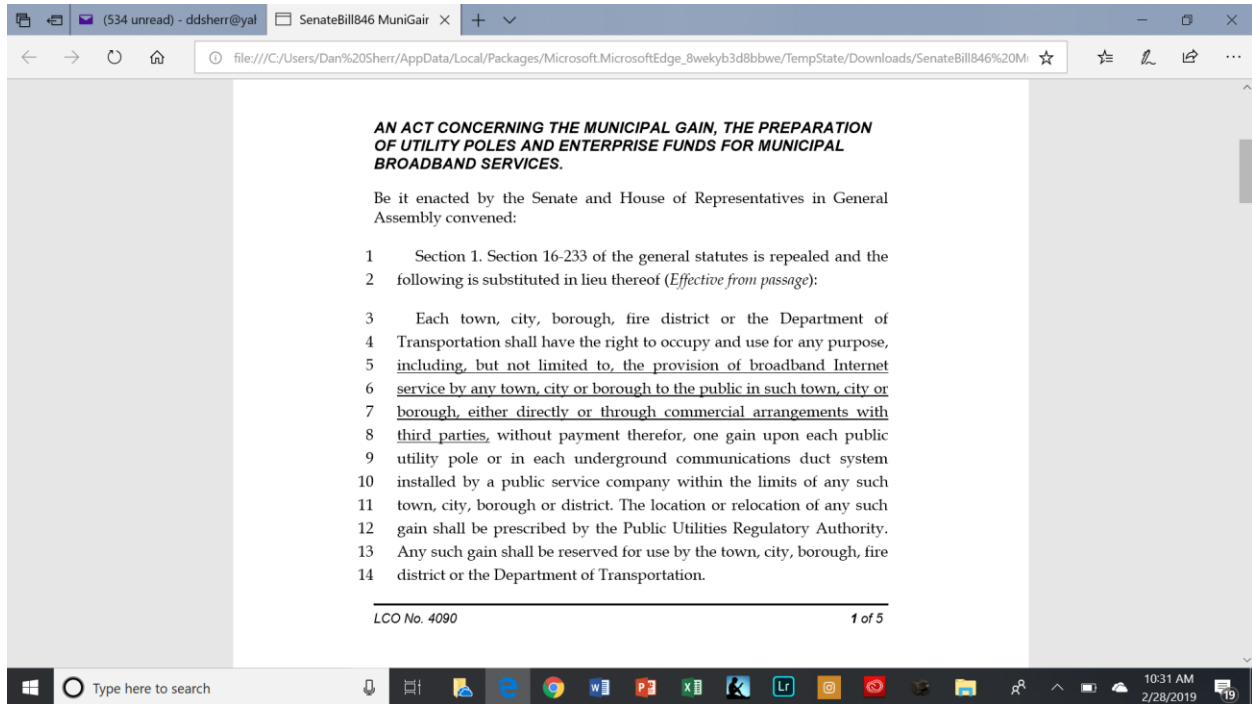
Dan Sherr met with Lauren Booth. The murals will be discontinued and the framing removed. An art exhibit is being considered by the Booth's but no details are available. The Booth's are open to a renewal of the Town Lease for 4/15/19 – 10/15/19 with the same lease document as 2018. The Booth's have expressed support of the proposed bicycle Park & Ride including the provision of toilets and water for the major events.

> New Preston Sidewalks & Parking – Update

Dan Sherr and Tony Bedini reviewed their conversations with the merchants and Dirk Sabin for improving the New Preston Village sidewalks. A plan with funding was developed and provided to the merchants. It required agreement on installation dates in March due to the likely disruption of business during the work. No agreement has been reached making installation unlikely in 2019.

> Zoning Changes – Dan Sherr reviewed the Arts & Culture Events for Summer 2019. A question emerged on required Zoning review/approvals. Ralph Averill, a member of the Town Zoning Commission observed that changes to the regs may effect these types of events. Several members voiced a concern that proposed changes may dampen the positive economic impact of these events which have been growing over the last several years. Ralph urges active participation by the WBA, WEDC and the Community in the development/approval of the proposed changes. See attached.

**See Below Attachments**



**We Need Your Help  
Support Services for Adults**

The population of the State of Connecticut and the Town of Washington is getting older. By 2025, 1/3 of the Town will be 65 and older. The Town of Washington wants to make sure it is ready.

This short questionnaire asks how important each of these services is **to you**. And asks, did we forget something?

When completed fold it in half, staple or tape it, put a stamp on and mail it. And thanks so much for taking the time and helping the Town know what matters to you.

First things first.

- > What is the Zip Code of your full time residence \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_
- > How old are you \_\_\_ Yrs
- > Are you driving \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- > Are you a caregiver \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

<b>Your Everyday Needs or the Needs of Someone You are Caring For</b>	<b>Importance to You Very Important = 1 Somewhat Important = 2 Not Very Important = 3 Write the number for each question in the box below</b>
A. Connecting older adults with benefit and service <b>information</b>	
B. Accessible, affordable, convenient <b>transportation</b>	
C. Appropriate and affordable <b>housing</b>	
D. Chore, <b>home services</b> and home maintenance programs	
E. <b>Safety</b> in the home and community	
F. <b>Nutrition</b> options and programs	
G. Activities and services to enhance fitness, <b>health</b> and mental health	
H. Opportunities and places to <b>interact</b> and develop relationships	
I. <b>Employment and volunteer</b> opportunities	
J. <b>Intergenerational</b> programs and opportunities	
K. <b>Outreach to isolated</b> or homebound seniors	
L. Support and education for <b>caregivers</b>	
M. Benches, parks, walkable areas and other <b>physical assets</b>	
N. <b>Other</b> local needs -write the needs below.	

Zoning Commission

MINUTES

Special Meeting

February 6, 2019

9:30 a.m.

main level meeting room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Averill, Mr. Reich (late) Mr. Solley

MEMBER ABSENT: Mr. Werkhoven

ALTERNATE PRESENT: Ms. Radosevich

ALTERNATE ABSENT: Mr. Sivick

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Hill

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Sherr,

Mr. Solley called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. and seated all members present. He noted this meeting was a work session to discuss the revision of Sections 12.8 and 12.8.1.

Mr. Solley noted that the question raised at the last meeting about the most appropriate way to limit the number of temporary events per year; should it be per property, per property owner, or both; had been referred to Atty. Zizka who had responded that Zoning regulations must almost always be based on the use and not the user and therefore, it is not possible to restrict zoning use rights based on the identity of the user. It was the consensus that this would prevent the Commission from drafting different standards for non profit organizations.

The 12/28/18 work sheet by Mrs. Hill was briefly reviewed. It listed the possible revisions that the commissioners had tentatively previously agreed upon. The 9/7/18 Administrative Review, which had previously raised issues to consider when amend Section 12.8, was also reviewed point by point.

The following matters were discussed:

Structures Associated with Temporary Events: It was noted Section 12.8 applies only to events and uses and that any proposed structure would have to comply with the Zoning Regulations and would require a separate zoning permit.

Uses Listed under 12.8.1: It was the consensus to expand the list of temporary uses to circus, carnival, festival, concert, performance, and gala and to exclude "or similar type event."

Whether to require an Administrative Permit or a Special Permit for Temporary Events: The commissioners wanted to ensure the consistent administration of this section. The options of giving the enforcement officer the discretion to decide whether to refer an application to the Commission and/or giving the Commission the discretion to decide whether or not to consult the adjoining property owners or to schedule a public hearing were considered. It was the consensus that if discretion was limited, applicants would be less likely to feel they had been treated unfairly or in a more restrictive manner than were other applicants. Therefore, it was decided to require a Special Permit for each proposed temporary use. It was noted that all Special Permits require public

hearings and must comply with the standards in Section 13.1.C in addition to any specific standards in Section 12.8.

Multiple Day Events: It was the consensus that whether held indoors or outdoors, multiple day events require a Special Permit.

One Day Events: It was the consensus that non commercial one day events, whether open to the public or by invitation, do not require a permit.

Applicant: It was noted the applicant must be the property owner, who shall be the responsible party.

Zoning Districts: The requirements of Section 12.8 will apply to all Zoning districts, residential and business.

Additional Requirements such as Minimum Acreage, Access, Parking, Traffic Management, etc.: It was noted that these matters would be addressed under the Special Permit standards in Section 13.1.C for each application.

See the attached sheet for the latest draft. It was noted the draft is not final and that it will be discussed by the full Commission at its next meeting.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. By Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Averill, and passed 5-0.

Mr. Solley adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Hill, Land Use Administrator

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Proposed additions: **IN BOLD, ALL CAPS**

Proposed deletions: [underlined and in brackets]

12.8 Temporary Uses. Temporary permits may be issued by the Zoning Enforcement Officer for the following uses **IN SECTIONS 12.8.1 AND 12.8.2** if in his judgement the public convenience and welfare can be substantially served and the appropriate use of neighboring property would not be substantially or permanently injured.

**12.8.1** A non conforming temporary building or use shown to be necessary pending construction of a conforming building or use, for not more than one year, but renewal permits for successive periods of six months each may be granted.

**12.8.2** One visiting trailer used for living purposes to be parked on the rear half of a single family dwelling lot but not within 25 feet of a lot line and for not more than four weeks in any calendar year.

**12.8.3 TEMPORARY EVENTS:** Circus, carnival, **FESTIVAL, CONCERT, PERFORMANCE, OR GALA**

**A. ALL TEMPORARY EVENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.**

**B. TEMPORARY EVENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO ONE PER CALENDAR YEAR PER PROPERTY.**

**C. A TEMPORARY EVENT PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR:**                    **1) ONE DAY EVENTS WHETHER HELD OUTDOORS OR ENTIRELY INSIDE BUILDINGS.**  
**2) TOWN, SCHOOL, AND CHURCH SPONSORED EVENTS ON TOWN, SCHOOL, OR CHURCH OWNED PROPERTY.**

**D. ALL OTHER TEMPORARY EVENTS SHALL REQUIRE A SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTED BY THE ZONING COMMISSION AND SUBJECT TO THE STANDARDS OF SECTION 13.1.C AND THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN A AND B ABOVE AND THOSE BELOW:**

**1) A MULTIPLE DAY EVENT MAY BE HELD FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS.**                    **2) THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL BE THE APPLICANT.**

Also: **MULTIPLE DAY TEMPORARY EVENT** should be added to the list of Special Permit uses for all zoning districts.