

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Bryan Memorial Town Hall  
Post Office Box 383  
Washington Depot, Connecticut 06794  
Planning Commission Regular Meeting  
December 4, 2019  
**MINUTES**

Main Level Meeting Room – 7:30pm

Members Present: Chairman Hileman, Mr. Cole, Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Carey

Members Absent: Ms. Gager

Alternates Present: Ms. Matteo

Staff Present: Ms. White, Ms. Rill

Public Present: Ms. Rea, Mr. Ratterree, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Ballister, Mr. Henisz, Other Members of the Public

Chairman Hileman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30pm. He seated himself, Mr. Carey, Mr. Rimsky and Ms. Matteo. Mr. Cole arrived at 7:33pm and was also seated.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- Request of Rea, 53 Chuch Hill Road – Application for a Scenic Road Designation for a portion of West Church Hill Road.

Chairman Hileman stated that Ms. Rea had completed the application and all of the criteria was met. Ms. Rea stated that she is committed to open space and rural space in Washington is important to her. Mr. Talbot presented the Commission with aerial photos of West Church Hill Road, emphasizing its rural character and dense wooded areas and scenic views.

Chairman Hileman asked if there had been any thoughts of designating all of West Church Hill Road. Mr. Talbot and Ms. Rea explained that they had considered it, but felt that it was the neighbors in that section's decision to move forward with if they wished.

Mr. Henisz of West Church Hill Road stated that he was in favor of designating West Church Hill Road as a Scenic Road.

Mr. Ballister of River Road stated that he was in favor of designating West Church Hill Road as a Scenic Road.

**MOTION:** To close the Public Hearing in the matter of Rea, 53 Church Hill Road, Application for a Scenic Road Designation for a portion of West Church Hill Road, by Chairman Hileman, seconded by Mr. Rimsky, passed 5-0 vote.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

Chairman Hileman called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:55pm. He seated himself, Mr. Carey, Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Cole, and Ms. Matteo for Ms. Gager.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** To accept the November 6, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting minutes as submitted, by Mr. Carey, seconded by Ms. Matteo, passed 5-0 vote.

**PENDING APPLICATIONS:**

- Request of Rea, 53 Church Hill Road, Application for a Scenic Road Designation for a portion of West Church Hill Road

The Commission felt that there was very little to discuss on this matter, and all agreed that Ms. Rea's application was very well put together and that West Church Hill should be designated as scenic.

**MOTION:** To approve the Request of Rea, 53 Church Hill Road, Application for a Scenic Road Designation for a portion of West Church Hill Road, extending from Fenn Hill Road to Lower Church Hill Road, per the Town of Washington Scenic Roads Ordinance of 2003, Town Ordinance #1120, by Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Matteo, approved unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Economic Development Committee:**

Chairman Hileman stated that the Committee met last month and were meeting again next Tuesday. He announced that the Committee was going to be drafting a Job Description for an Economic Director to present to the Board of Selectman for consideration.

**Sustainability Committee:**

There was no update from the Sustainability Committee this evening.

**Plan of Conservation and Development – 5-year Revisions:**

Mr. Cole stated that he had met with newly elected First Selectman Mr. Brinton and had given him his midcourse report to look over at his convenience. Chairman Hileman stated that he

had met with First Selectman Brinton and that they had a positive conversation in regards to the Plan of Conservation and Development.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no Communications this evening.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Approval of the 2020 Regular Meeting Calendar.

MOTION: To approve the 2020 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Calendar, by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Rimsky, passed 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the December 4, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting at 8:17pm, by Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Matteo, passed 5-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy Rill*

Tammy Rill  
Land Use Clerk  
December 6, 2019

**\*All documents on file in the Land Use Office**

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

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