

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: Jan. 10, 2024
Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

PRESENT: Rich Turner, CH, Susan Lyons, David Traczyk, Horace Duke, Rama Schneider
Guest:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

The Minutes from the Dec. 13, 2023 were not received. Jasmin C. took them but was not present at this meeting. We can get them approved at our next meeting.

New Business:

Rich T. I'll give you all an update on the CVRPC meeting. Will Pitkin is the new hire – he took Clare Rock's position and he will be working with us on the Town Plan. I will try and invite him to a future meeting.

Discussed the Basin Water Quality Council and also ACT 250. There are 4 tiers – Tier 1-A, Tier 1-B, Tier 2 (which is the normal ACT 250), Tier 3 is for Critical Natural Resources. Moving on to the Town Plan and Rama's work on Chapter IV: Education & Learning.

Rama S.. I have a Draft copy for everyone to look at and comment on. Chapter VIII in the Town Plan - Economic Development - also mentions Education. The first step is a proposal. I spoke with the superintendent and will give him a copy of our Draft for any comments also. Will also need to get some information from him on student count.

Horace D. On the bottom of page 2 of your draft - - Northfield's Preschool is full-time now.

From All Great job on the Draft - - Thank You!

Rich T. Next on the Agenda is the Williamstown Stormwater Master Plan – Final Report dated April 21, 2023. There were 18 priority projects selected and it has been whittled down to the top 3. The first project, #1 is behind the Dollar General; #2 is at Saldi Field – this permit expires in Oct. The Selectboard asked Rodney Graham for help in the legislature. #3 is Poulin Lumber.

Rama S. Who sets up the initial list?

Rich T. The consultants did this. See their reference on page 12, Figure 5.

Comment made that the above reference doesn't match their figure. Also on Page 6, they reference Route 16 - - it should be Route 14.

Rama S. All three projects are on private property.

Rich T. They did reach out to the property owners.

Horace D. On Page 15 – Ranking and Scoring – Will_2 – Williamstown Library Proposed Practice Underground Storage/Infiltration - - their cellar already fills up.

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Old/New Business:

Rich T. Looking at the Town Plan – Natural Resources – Chapter 3 – We will need to get in compliance with Act 171.
Also – Chapter 10 – Land Use Patterns. I spoke with Rich Chalmers about this. Hoping for local folks to interact with.
I would like to ask “Jens” Hilke if he would be available at some point to do a public open meeting for interested parties, maybe hold it at the Public Safety Bldg. One topic he could talk on could be Invasive Species. Jens might be able to suggest what other towns might have good plans in place also that we could check out.
The EAB is still on-going. Urban Community Forestry might have some Grants. On Hold for now.

Rich T. Anything else to discuss? Nothing.

Horace D. I will make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Susan L.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Next Meeting: Feb. 7, 2024
