

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: March 13, 2024
Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

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

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

Motion to approve the Minutes from the Jan 10, 2024 made by Dave T and 2nd by Horace D.
All approved.

New Business:

Rich T. Are there any adjustments or additions to the Agenda?

Horace D. Yes - - I mentioned at one of the recent Selectboard meetings about the need to have sidewalks on both sides of the road along with crosswalks. The Chair, Larry Hebert said that sounded like a good idea and to take it to the Planning Commission. I would be happy to get in touch with AOT to discuss this.

Rama S. I'll make the Motion to approve the Agenda with the sidewalk amendment. 2nd by Dave T. – All approved.

Rama S. Question on the Act 250 – 4 tiers. Can you clarify them?

Rich T. There are different levels of development thru Act 250.

Update on the CVRPC board meeting last night. There are two new hires – Ruben MacMartin in Transportation. He is the Senior Transportation Planner.
Niki Sabado – she is the new Land Use and Community Planner.
Also, Melissa Bounty – Economic Development – she will be looking at additional Grants relating to floods, etc.
Sam Lash – Re Act 174 – has a link/information to share with us.

Re the current Land Use Map – the Regional Plan expires in August – they are behind by at least 6 months and have talked about re-adopting the current plan with the new Plan due March of 2025.

Rama S. Does it affect our timing?

Rich T. No

Rama S.. New handout for everyone to look at on Chapter IV. I have some questions on Finance and Taxes. There are two ways to count students – hand count and equalize pupil count. The formula changes.
Discussion followed.

Rama S. Question – what numbers would make sense to include in the Town Plan? I would still like to talk with the school superintendent.

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Old/New Business:

- Rich T. Looking at Page 46/E – Goals.
More discussion followed - - . Will need to think about these and accountability.
- Rich T. Moving on to Forest/Habitat Blocks & Wildlife Corridors. I would like to see if we could use the Public Safety Building for the May meeting and get some guest speakers in and open it up to the public. Who do I talk to about this?
- Susan L. You will need to speak to Jackie, Town Mgr., to schedule a date.
- Rich T. I also spoke about a future sidewalk project in my Town Report. There are monies available from different funding sources. Horace, I would like to get together with you at some point to discuss the sidewalk project.
- Horace D. Talked about AOT fixing the drainage by the library, and also mentioned dropping the speed limit to 25 mph in town.
Other members spoke of having flashing lights by the crosswalks, possibly a stop light at the end of Route 64.
- Rama S. I would like to ask about possibly changing the day or time of our meetings.
Discussion followed and Rama made the Motion to leave the day the same – 2nd Wednesday of each month but change the time to meet to 6:00 p.m. 2nd by Horace D. and motion passed.
- Rich T. Anything else to discuss? Nothing.
- Rama S. I will make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Jasmin C.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Next Meeting: April 10, 2024
