

Planning Commission

Town of Weston

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Minutes of Meeting, October 3rd, 2022

Present: Annie Fuji'i, Geof Brown, and Kim Price

Via Zoom: James Young

From the public/Via Zoom: Matthew Bachler, WRC, Senior Planner

The following items are on the agenda:

1. Approve Minutes
2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda
3. Town Plan Update-Next Steps w/Matthew Bachler, WRC, Senior Planner
4. Safe Walkways Project-Update from Geof Brown
5. New and Old Business
6. Adjourn

Lexi Young attended via Zoom, Geof Brown volunteered to be acting chair, declares a PC quorum and calls the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

1. Approve minutes.
No minutes approved.
2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda.
None.

3. Town Plan Update-Next Steps w/Matthew Bachler, WRC, Senior Planner.

Introductions were made between Matthew Bachler and the PC members. An overview of what has been done and discussed, to date, with John Bennett from WRC, Windham Regional Commission, was revisited. Matthew will be stepping in for John who's retiring.

First steps are for Mr. Bachler to help the PC apply for a MPG, municipal planning grant, to update the current town plan. The MPG deadline is December 1st, 2022, with awards being announced in January of 2023. No contract is required between the town and WRC for MPG assistance. A municipal authorization form is required by the state and will be signed by PC Chair, James Young and Selectboard member, Ann Fuji'i, at the next regularly scheduled PC meeting. Ann Fuji'i will inform the other selectboard members, of the PC's intentions, to illicit guidance from WRC, with the MPG application. Mr. Bachler plans to have a solid draft of the MPG application, for the November 7th PC meeting.

The town plan update will begin in January of 2023, when Mr. Bachler can devote the time. The section-by-section approach is a good way to update, seeing that Weston's town plan has a solid foundation, according to Mr. Bachler.

Ann Fuji'i indicated that the DRB, Development Review Board, needs some minor administrative updates to the zoning regulations, specifically the subdivision section. James Young motions, to devote a portion of the December 5th PC meeting, to a request, that comes from the DRB, for specific modifications, to the zoning/subdivision bylaws, to be provided for PC review, no later than November 15th, 2022. Kim Price seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Safe Walkways Project-Update from Geof Brown.

Geof Brown and Nicki Pfister presented a modified safe walkways project to the Weston Selectboard, on Tuesday 9/27/22, at the regularly scheduled selectboard meeting.

The safe walkway project has been broken up into 2 parts, each part independently encompassing the north and south, of Weston's town center. Currently, the committee will be working on the south section of the village, also known as the S3 initiative. The selectboard thought this approach a good one and has approved the safe walkway committee to reach out to landowners for input and apply for state funding. The next step would be a grant, for the construction phase of the S3 initiative project. Geof Brown plans to have the Safe Walkways Project-S3 initiative, as an agenda item for Town Meeting, March of 2023.

5. New and Old Business.

Geof Brown motions to change the regularly scheduled PC meeting time, from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm, on the 1st Monday of the month, 2nd Monday, if the first Monday falls on a holiday. Kim Price seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Adjourn.

Geof Brown motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Kim Price seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Approved:  Geof Brown, Acting Chair

Date 11/7/22

Submitted:  Kim Price, Secretary

Date 11/7/22