

Town of Wallingford
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2016

Members Present: Erika Berner (Chair), Jeff Biasuzzi, Carol Ann Martin, Jill Burkett

Others Present: Tom Wheeler

Meeting was called to order by E. Berner at 7:15 p.m. and was not electronically recorded.

The minutes of March 14, 2016 were reviewed. J. Burkett made the **Motion** to approve, C.A. Martin seconded; all voted in favor. Motion carried & Minutes were approved.

Chairperson Berner asked for update on a vehicle charging station, as grant deadline was approaching. J. Biasuzzi reported he contacted Cumberland Farms on the issue; and there was no feedback. No other Wallingford location was identified. The overall interest in the other Towns that J. Biasuzzi worked for also showed little interest. As the deadline was imminent, J. Biasuzzi suggested this issue be retired.

J. Biasuzzi relayed that the inquiries from SameSun Inc. were only a polling of which towns had adopted siting & screening ordinances.

T. Wheeler asked for an update on the issue of the Industrial Zoning District in S. Wallingford. He submitted information from Ed Bove (RRPC) on the VT statutes regarding revision to municipal ordinances. The belief by several residents was that the Select Board (SB) directed the PC to correct the S. Wallingford zoning district (back to the initial 50+/- acre quarry), and thought this was in the PC authority. J. Biasuzzi read the minutes of the April 4, 2016 SB minutes which stated "the Chairman said the town & planning commission would pursue revisiting the matter on this issue". J. Biasuzzi explained the statutory process of amending a municipal ordinance. He further outlined the PC's schedule priority was to update the Town Plan, as this was approaching a deadline. With the updated Town Plan as a guidance document; a number of corrections and new zoning ordinances (such as alternate energy siting & screening), would be included with the Industrial rezoning in South Wallingford. J. Biasuzzi reemphasized this was a time consuming statutory process to adopt or amend; delayed even further by a minimal PC membership and attendance. Despite two months efforts to recruit new volunteers for the PC; none have stepped forward. Further, the Industrial Zone redesignation would take both legal and surveyor services, in order to define the original 50 +/- acres, and that the Select Board would need to approve this expenditure.

J. Burkett expressed her frustration about the collection of unregistered vehicles behind the VTEL building on RT 7 south. Despite Judicial Tickets issued, the situation persists. J. Biasuzzi noted some progress on enforcing the zoning ordinances.

E. Berner suggested each PC member research a specific section of the existing Town Plan and other recently updated Town Plans, and draft updated language for discussion at the next meeting. J. Burkett accepted review on natural resources and conservation. E. Berner accepted energy siting & screening. C.A. Martin accepted recreation. J. Biasuzzi was to select a topic from Ed Bove's list of suggestions (see March 14 PC Minutes), and contact Nathan Astin to see if he would research another subject.

All members were asked to identify typo error in the present documents. E. Berner to receive all input, and compile in a master document.

J. Biasuzzi noted that the required reference maps would need to be requested of RRPC. Examples would include specific environmentally sensitive portions of ridgelines, special geologic features or historic sites.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission was set for Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

C.A. Martin made a **Motion** to close the Meeting. J. Burkett seconded. All approved, and the Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: J. M. Biasuzzi, recorder

Approved: July 11, 2016