

Town of Wallingford
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2016

Members Present: Erika Berner (Chair), J. Biasuzzi, Jill Burkett

Members Absent: Carol Ann Martin

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

The minutes of June 13, 2016 were reviewed, and typos corrected. J. Biasuzzi made the **Motion** to approve, J. Burkett seconded, all voted in favor. Motion carried & Minutes were approved.

Chairperson Berner relayed discussions with Rutland Regional Planning Commission Director Ed Bove. A new series of municipal planning grants may be announced in September 2016. If the grant amount request is less than \$8000, a number of these will not require matching funds.

Ed Bove suggested two approaches to revisions to Town Plan, due by end of January, 2018.

The first approach is to amend the existing Plan by adding the following requirements:

1. Flood Resiliency
2. Village Designation (per Act 59)
3. Siting and screening standards for alternative energy projects
4. Forestry regulations (H857) that address woodland fragmentation and wildlife corridors.

The second approach would be a total rewrite of the Town Plan; reviewing all 13 required topics.

After considerable discussion, Commissioners favored amending the existing plan. This could include reorganizing the format, so that the Plans' objectives, outline of implementing the objectives, and a method in which to review progress on the implementation are in the main body of the document. The historical demographic and statistical information would be updated, but would be addendums to the Plan.

J. Biasuzzi noted that the Plan should address a resolution to the Industrial Zoning districts. He plans to request funding from the Select Board, to have a surveyor or attorney research where & what the initial "grandfathered" south Wallingford quarry was.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission was set for Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

J. Biasuzzi made a **Motion** to close the Meeting. J. Burkett seconded, all approved, and the Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: J. M. Biasuzzi, recorder

Approved: 08/08/16

