

WEST WINDSOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

June 26, 2009

Present: Barbara Truex, Hal Pyke, Joe D'Anna, Mark Isenberg, Martha Harrison

1. Call to Order - Chair Hal Pyke called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
2. Changes or Additions – As there were no members of the public present, Hal suggested discussing the updates to chapter 3 of the Town Plan prior to opening the public hearing on the subdivision regulations. The Planning Commission (PC) agreed.
3. West Windsor Town Plan: Review updates to Chapter 3 – The PC reviewed the changes to chapter 3 that resulted from the June 17th discussion. Hal said he checked with Win Townsend and the Windsor–Ascutney Sewage Treatment Enterprise (WASTE) still exists although it has been dormant for years. Hal suggested leaving the existing reference to WASTE as is. The PC agreed. Mark said customers served by the sewer system recently received a rebate because, apparently, they had been overcharged. Mark asked if the Resort was being sued by Windsor for non-payment. Hal said he would ask Windsor Town Manager Steve Cottrell for an update on the situation. Mark asked about WASTE's power to enforce policies and procedures. Hal said WASTE holds funds in escrow. There was discussion about the various water supplies at the Resort and which are used for firefighting. Hal said he believes water is pumped out of Mill Brook for firefighting. Martha said she has asked the Regional Planning Commission if there have been any water quality assessments of Mill Brook in recent years, but she has not heard back from them. Regarding contaminants in the school water supply, Martha said she contacted April Sykes for an update and April said she would look through the school's water records and send something on Monday. The PC agreed to remove any reference to "public" or "private" in connection with the sewer system. The PC agreed to keep the reference to "alternative methods of waste disposal" in the first water and sewer policy. The PC decided to keep, but rephrase, the recommendation regarding a design review board. Barbara noted that design review can get very contentious. Mark said it's a mixed blessing; it can be beneficial to preserve the nature of a community. The PC agreed to add a recommendation to address any situations that negatively affect the water quality of Mill Brook and its tributaries. There was discussion about which areas of West Windsor have access to high-speed internet. Martha said the southeastern section of town has access. Joe said his son, who lives on Farm Road, has high-speed internet through Windsor. The PC agreed to soften somewhat the telecommunications paragraph. Hal commented that there are many places in West Windsor that do not have cell phone service. There was discussion about how some cell phones (e.g. AT&T) have coverage in West Windsor and some (e.g. Verizon) do not. Martha said she emailed FairPoint to find out where there broadband coverage is, but they have not responded. The PC agreed to note that satellite service is available but not to comment on the speed or expense. There was discussion about variation in the capacity of the different types of internet service – phone, satellite, cable and fiber optic. The PC revised the paragraph on East Central Vermont Community Fiber (EC Fiber).
4. Public Hearing on proposed West Windsor Subdivision Regulations – Hal opened the public hearing, noted that there are no members of the public present, then closed the public hearing. Hal asked the PC if they want to make any changes to the subdivision

regulations. Hal said he feels comfortable passing the regulations on to the Selectboard for their public hearing, and he thinks Glenn Seward does too. **Barbara made a motion to approve the submission of the draft subdivision regulations, labeled Public Hearing Draft – June 4, 2009, to the Selectboard. Joe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

5. Other Business - None
6. Adjourn – **Joe made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Mark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison