



Town of Waterford
Planning Commission
Minutes
10/11/2023

Meeting called to order by Chair Howard Remick at 7:00 PM, Commission members Bob Cushing, Maria Dantos, Kim Willey, and Jason Miller in attendance, along with citizens Helen Pike and Heather Gonyaw, Paul Hayes with the Caledonia Record, and Alison Low on Zoom from NVDA.

Howard Remick motioned to start the meeting with the discussion with Alison Lowe, Bob Cushing seconded, motion passed by acclamation of members present. Alison provided guidance on the pursuit of applying for the Municipal Planning Grant. She asked clarifying questions and advised that the PC's application to use the grant money for a survey about amending the town plan would most likely not be compelling enough and would not be accepted. She explained that NVDA has a member who could be hired to help for the cost of \$4,000 which would aid in designing the survey and provide technical assistance. Before signing off, she offered her personal assistance to look over the survey once it is completed.

PC continued discussion about recycling the survey from 2015. The group removed questions that are not relevant to the scope of work done by the PC, concerning issues of recreational facilities, prevention of loss of agricultural land, impact of flooding, location of a potential new town hall, commercial uses and locations, and public transportation. Questions were edited to improve readability and comprehension. Three new questions will be added concerning solar energy, short-term rentals, and a name change for the White Village zoning district. The survey will be completed and sent out on October 23 along with the ATV survey from the Selectboard. The surveys will be returned on November 17.

PC reviewed the minutes of September 20, 2023, motion by Maria Dantos to approve minutes, seconded by Bob Cushing, motion passed by acclamation of members present.

Bob Cushing made a motion to hold a public hearing for the proposed White Village zoning district name change during the next PC meeting on Wednesday, November 15. Maria Dantos seconded the motion. Motion passed by acclamation of members present.

Agenda items for next meeting- Hearing to purpose district name change from “White Village” to “Lower Waterford”; discussion item, Town Plan.

Kim Willey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Howard Remick, approved by acclamation of members present. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.