

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Bryan Memorial Town Hall**  
**Post Office Box 383**  
**Washington Depot, Connecticut 06794**  
**Planning Commission Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2024**

7:00 P.M. – Hybrid Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Hileman, D. Rimsky, J. Averill, C Matteo,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** S. Gager,

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** D. Varnish (via zoom)

**ALTERNATES ABSENT:** S. Mongar

**STAFF PRESENT:** S. White - Land Use Administrator, Michelle Gorra – Economic Development Coordinator, J. Brinton - First Selectman

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Steep Rock

Chair Hileman called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Seated for this meeting is Chair Hileman, D. Rimsky, and J. Averill, C. Matteo, D. Varnish

**Consideration of the Minutes – April 3, 2024:**

**MOTION:** To approve the April 3, 2024 Washington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as written, D. Rimsky made the Motion and C. Matteo seconded, approved unanimous.

**New Applications:**

No new applications.

**Pending Applications:**

No pending applications

**CGS 8-24 Referral from Board of Selectman-Proposed Sale of Municipal Property**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman J. Brinton explained to the commission how the owner of 60-74 River Road wants to purchase the strip of land in front of their property that the town owns. This strip of land is deemed useless to the town as it is just a landlocked sliver of property. The Board of Selectman negotiated with the property owner a \$100,000.00 purchase price that they felt would be very beneficial to the Housing Commission. The proceeds from this sale will be going in to the Housing Commission fund.

**MOTION:** The Planning Commission finds that the proposed sale of the municipal properties adjacent to 60 and 74 River Road, labeled "parcel C" on the maps titled "Property Boundary Survey - Lot Line Revision Map," prepared for ROMAC, LLC., by T. Michael Alex, L.S., dated July 2019, and "Property Boundary Survey," prepared for ROMAC, LLC. 74 River Road, by Roy V. Cheney, LLS. dated June 2022,

**to ROMAC, LLC. is consistent with the Town of Washington's Plan of Conservation and Development. Motion made by Chair Hileman, seconded by D. Rimsky. Approved unanimous.**

#### **Committee Reports/Updates:**

##### **Sustainability:**

C. Matteo informed the commission about the committee's participation in the town's Earth Day event where they had a table set up with information regarding water testing. Also discussed was their idling campaign/sandwich board sign that they placed in front of the grocery store as well as the Earth Day Newsletter that they had printed up.

##### **Economic Development Committee:**

M. Gorra updated the commission on the town's restaurant week that just ended. So far, they have had very positive feedback from participants. The committee is planning on sending out a survey seeking data and feedback which they will use to compile a final report. She also has been working with the WBA in anticipation of getting ready for the town's community day/block party.

#### **Referral from Zoning Commission – Proposed Revisions to Regulations**

##### **Section 13.12 – Multifamily Housing**

The commission discussed the referral regarding section 13.12- multifamily housing which they had reviewed and found consistent with the town's POCD. They were pleased that many of the P.C. suggestions were taken however they will be submitting a few more for consideration.

**MOTION: To approve the Planning Commissions review of the proposed revisions to the zoning regulations regarding section 13.12 regarding multifamily housing, made by J. Averill, seconded by C. Matteo. Approved unanimous.**

#### **Continued Discussion – 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development:**

The Commission continued their discussion from their previous meeting regarding dates (June & July) and locations for their planned community outreach. They will have a table at community day and will work on scheduling other dates at The Library, the Women's Club, St. Andrews and the Town Hall.

##### **Communications:**

No Communications for this meeting.

##### **Administrative Business:**

No Administrative Business.

##### **Adjourn:**

**MOTION: To adjourn the May 1, 2024 Washington Planning Commission Regular Meeting at 8:25 pm, made by D. Rimsky, seconded by C. Matteo, approved unanimously.**

**Recording can be found here:**

[2024-5-1 Audio Recording.mp3](#)

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Barbara Tingley*

**Land Use Clerk**

**May 2, 2024**

**\*Minutes filed, subject to approval**