

Worcester Planning Commission

Meeting, June 28, 2017

Members Present: Marty Kovacs, William Arrand, Stewart Clark, Toni Kaeding, Audra Brown

Notetaker: Suzanne Arrand (non-member)

History Section: The Worcester Historical Society is now our main resource for the Town Plan Historic section.

Demographic Data in Profile Section: There is an “apples to oranges” discrepancy with the 2000 census and the 2010 census. The Census Bureau’s American Community Survey will be our future demographic resource.

Review Process: We will do a “rough” review of the plan one part at a time. Toni’s original idea was to have a “core” draft done by the end of July before the Select Board gets tied up with developing the town’s budget. She passed out a proposed schedule for future meetings:

- July 11 for Land and Resources, Utilities and Services, and Transportation
- July 18 for the Economy, Housing and Child Care
- July 25 for Energy and Land Use Planning

Stu thought that timeline was unrealistic but we agreed to meet on July 11 and see how well we can stick with the schedule.

We all agreed to email our section assignments to other members at least a week before each meeting so all will have an opportunity to review the material beforehand.

Part I, Overview: Most of the meeting was spent reviewing and editing Part I. Part of the discussion involved how much of the State

Requirements should be spelled out within the Plan or in an appendix. Bill will look over other town plans to see how much others include. Toni will attempt to wordsmith Section D, Priorities, and will email us all a copy of her newest version.

Part II, Community Profile: We discussed how much detail should go into this section and how much should be moved to the Natural Resources section. The Community Profile will touch on some geographic and forestry highlights but most detail will show up further into the document. Some updates are still needed for Part II.

Stew will re-work Part III to include the geographic detail that was moved out of the Community Profile.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be July 11 at 6:30 at the Town Office.

Meeting Adjourned at 9 pm.