

**Worcester Planning Commission  
MINUTES  
Sept 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m.  
via ZOOM**

**Attending:** Chani Waterhouse, Bill Arrand, Toni Kaeding, Will Baker

**Housekeeping**

- Chani called the meeting to order at 5:32pm and asked group to share “one thing they valued about Worcester during the current season”.
- No revisions to the agenda.

**Public Comment**

Will and Toni reported some citizen curiosity/concern about Village Center Designation notification center to village residents. Questions answered to citizen satisfaction...all good.

**Minutes of Sept 28, 2023**

The meeting scheduled for Oct 18 did not occur due to lack of quorum. Toni moved to accept the minutes of 9.28.23 as submitted, Chani seconded, unanimous.

**Energy Task Force Update**

Chani reported that the group shared relevant information gleaned from the other Town Energy Plans. Six Plans were reviewed and much learning occurred in preparation for Worcester Energy Plan.

**Village Center Designation**

The citizen notification letter was sent out in October. Chani expressed concern that citizens may not recognize the opportunities inherent in this designation without further support.

**ACTION:** Will will contact Richard Amore about a meeting with Worcester to address specific questions/opportunities.

**Annual Calendar**

Will walked group through schedule of ACTIONS described in Town Plan. Emerging as most pressing:

- CVRPC representative from Worcester – what is selection process and length of term.  
**ACTION:** Bill will check with SVRPC
- Priorities of Recreation Committee. **ACTION:** Chani will check-in with Caitlin Howanski.
- CVFiber – progress report. **ACTION:** Chani will contact Allen Gilbert about report.

Toni agreed to lead discussion around each ACTION item as they occur.

**Planning Commission Membership**

Chani reported no progress on citizens interested in joining the Planning Commission.

**ACTION:** Chani to post again on FPF

**ACTION:** Each WPC member will explore membership with one person prior to next meeting.

**Next meeting: Jan 23, 2024 (no meeting in December).** Motion to adjourn was duly made and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Toni Kaeding