

**Worcester Planning Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 16, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**  
**via ZOOM**

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

**Housekeeping**

- Chani called the meeting to order at 5:33pm with roundtable review of “favorite thing about spring”.
- No revisions to the agenda.
- Minutes of 3.21.24 were duly approved by unanimous vote

**Updates**

**CVRPC Health Equity Conference** - Toni reported the twin focus of the conference was transportation and food and the sharing of creative ways to achieve health equity in these areas. Worcester received special mention for its work in the area of food equity. Conference participants each received a Shop & Walk wheelie that Toni donated to Senior Citizens’ Center in Montpelier.

**Local Hazard Municipal Plan** - Toni reported that current plan has expired making Worcester ineligible for certain funding opportunities. Roger Strobridge is taking the lead on updating the Plan and Toni will serve as Planning Commission liaison. Will agreed to consult on issues concerning flood hazard through his role as Flood Plain Coordinator. The updated LHMP will be an extension of the Town Plan.

**Energy Task Force** - Chani reported that the group meets every 2 weeks to address preferred sites, the 3 sectors of energy (thermal, transportation, electricity) fuel utilization/switching and more. Group liked Plainfield Energy Plan as model. The current project is an Enhanced Energy Plan that will give Worcester substantial deference in contested decision-making. CVRPC Sam Lash provides support to the Task Force.

**Village Center Designation** - Chani is planning an outreach meeting with small businesses in Worcester to explore the opportunities available to them through VCD. **ACTION:** Chani to check with Front Porch Forum for list of existing Worcester businesses. **ACTION:** Will offered to explore use of HomeShareVT in Worcester.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Worcester Planning Commission will be held June 20, 2024 at 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

Toni Kaeding

