

Worcester Planning Commission

MINUTES

May 4, 2021, 7pm

Attending via ZOOM: Kate Spring, Phoenix Mitchell, Toni Kaeding

Welcome & Housekeeping

- The Minutes of 3.17.21 were reviewed, motioned and approved.
- Group decided on regular monthly meeting schedule of 1st Tues of the month at 4pm, with occasional interim meetings as need arises.

2019 Community Survey

Phoenix presented summary of Town priorities as revealed by 2019 Community Survey. He also offered a visual depiction of the data, consisting of bar chart and cloud charts for the Town Plan.

ACTION: Toni to integrate charts and text into Part 1 of Town Plan.

Part 6 Energy

Kate presented final draft of Part 6 for review. Discussion included slight reorganization of text, need for statement on biomass, as well as interim criteria for siting of solar fields

ACTION: Kate to make recommended text changes. Toni to add interim criteria for solar siting from previous draft.

Part 5 Transportation

Brief discussion of tables in Part 5. Group noted that information in table of Worcester Roads and table of Worcester Scenic Roads was basically the same, and agreed to eliminate the latter.

ACTION: Toni to delete Scenic Road table.

Next Steps

Rough draft of Plan under current review by Clare Rock and Bill Arrand. Following consideration of their input, next review will be the Plan Task Force (Meredith Crandall and Justin Kenney). After that, the Select Board and general public. Ideas for general public review include posting on Town website for comments, inviting comments via Front Porch Forum, holding a public comment meeting, adding it to posted agendas of Planning Commission and Select Board.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4pm.