

Worcester Planning Commission

MINUTES for PUBLIC HEARING

Dec 14, 2021, 5:30pm via ZOOM and In-person at Town Hall

Attending: Bill Arrand, Phoenix Mitchell, Kate Spring, Toni Kaeding
Guests: Kyle Devitt, Amy Thornton

Housekeeping

- Toni called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
- Motions to accept minutes of 11.16.21 and 11.23.21 were duly made, seconded and accepted.
- Discussion about scheduling regular monthly Planning Meetings. Tentative agreement on Thursdays at 5:30. **ACTION:** Toni to flesh out schedule and return with solid recommendation.

Public Comments

Kyle noted that while the Plan supported energy efficiency and affordable housing in theory, actual action plans were weak and the need was great. Brief discussion of Act 250's role. Group acknowledged Kyle's comments and noted that energy efficiency/conservation would be a driving force in the pending Enhanced Energy Plan. More to follow on that topic

Amy Thornton (via zoom) introduced herself to group, offered herself as a future resource, and encouraged increased awareness of 1) the intersect between mental health and conserved spaces, and 2) the tension between affordable housing and conservation.

Reconciliation of citizen input into Worcester Town Plan

Group reviewed 13 comments formally submitted to Planning Commission re: Proposed Town Plan 2021 and made decision to accept or reject each item. Kate moved a resolution to accept the new Town Plan as amended, Phoenix seconded, unanimous approval. **ACTION:** On Dec 20, Toni will present amended Plan to Selectboard and request final approval. If final approval from the Selectboard is offered, the new Worcester Town Plan will be submitted to the Central Vermont Planning Commission, and file copy to the Town Clerk following final formatting.

Adjourn

Phoenix moved to adjourn, Katie seconded, unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm

Next meeting in January 2022, date TBD.

Toni Kaeding
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