

Worcester Planning Commission
MINUTES
Nov 14, 5:30 pm via ZOOM

Attending: Chani Waterhouse, Bill Arrand, Toni Kaeding

Guests: none

Housekeeping

- Chani called the meeting to order at 5:35pm with a welcome and roundtable sharing of positive thoughts for the dark days of November 2024.
- Minutes of 10.22.24 were duly approved by unanimous vote
- Chani reported that Rebecca Heintz has voiced continued interest in the WPC.

Review of Commissioner terms

Chani reminded group that expiring terms in 2024 must be renewed by Selectboard by Dec 31 to allow appointment of new officers in January. She asked that each expiring officer send letter to the Selectboard requesting re-appointment and preferred term length (1, 2, or 3 years).

Officers expiring in 2024:

Toni 9/24

Will 11/24

Chani also announced her desire to drop Chair role by May 2025, but remain on the Board in a Commissioner role.

ACTION: Toni and Will to inform Selectboard of intentions re: reappointment prior to Dec 31.

ACTION: Group to review Bylaws concerning term appointments in January 2025

Updates

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Toni reported that Lincoln Frasca has advised completion of a revised draft of the LHMP by end of following week (~Nov 23). Draft will include a list of questions for Town to answer. Lincoln offered assurance that Worcester remained in compliance with all important deadlines re: Vermont Emergency Management/FEMA approval. Toni urged Bill to report Worcester's high satisfaction with CVRPC support from Lincoln and Keith Cubbon.

Net Metering Letter

Chani reported that the Energy Task Force's open letter to public energy officials, Legislature, community and adjoining towns is now ready for Selectboard approval and distribution to surrounding towns. With Avram's urging, the letter outlines the inequity challenges inherent in the current implementation of net metering.

ACTION: Chani to present letter to Selectboard for final approval 11/18.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm

Next meeting: January 16, 2025 (holiday break in Dec)

Toni Kaeding