

WEST WINDSOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Draft Minutes

December 18, 2015

Present: Members Arthur Steinberg, Al Keiller, Elvin Kaplan and Barbara Truex; also Jason Rasmussen (SWCRPC), Preston Bristow (ZA)

1. Call to Order: Chair Arthur Steinberg called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.
2. Changes or Additions: None
3. Public Comment: None
4. Municipal Planning Grant to adopt Unified Bylaws with Zoning and Flood Protection Updates: Jason reported that a state Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) has been awarded to adopt unified bylaws with zoning and flood protection updates and the grant has been accepted by the Selectboard. A contract with the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) to implement the grant will follow. Jason reviewed his proposed work plan and budget. The sense of the Planning Commission was that the zoning and subdivision bylaws should be unified but that the flood hazard regulations were better as a separate, free-standing bylaw. Although the terms of the grant require that work be completed by May 31, 2017, the Planning Commission set as a goal the completion of the unified zoning and subdivision bylaw by June 30, 2016 and the flood hazard bylaw by the end of 2016. The Planning Commission would also like to make the flood hazard bylaw more understandable to the average reader. Determining what state river corridor protections to adopt will require analysis and public input.
5. Approve minutes: the minutes of the October 29, 2015 meeting were approved.
6. Other business: Al Keiller agreed to succeed Arthur Steinberg as chair beginning with the January meeting. It was noted that Al Keiller's term ends in 2015 and Preston will recommend to the Selectboard that he be appointed for another three-year term.
7. Adjourn: After setting January 21, 2015 at 3:00 PM as the date and time of the next regular meeting, the Planning Commission adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Bristow