

WEST WINDSOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Draft Minutes

June 25, 2015

Present: Members Arthur Steinberg, Barbara Truex, and Al Keiler; also staff Preston Bristow (ZA) and Martha Harrison (TA)

1. Call to Order: Chair Arthur Steinberg called the meeting to order at 10 AM.
2. Changes or Additions: None
3. Public Comment: None
4. Resume review of draft Flood Hazard & River Corridor Regulations: Preston shared information provided by Kathrine Otto of the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) that the state's new river corridor maps would encompass 42 additional structures beyond the existing FEMA floodplain maps including the Town Hall, Fire Station, Post Office and General Store. He suggested that the Town explore an administrative revision to exclude Brownsville village from the river corridor maps. Martha noted that a Phase II geomorphic study for the Mill River has been completed and this might be helpful in evaluating a map revision for Brownsville village. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to ask the SWCRPC to prepare a Municipal Planning Grant for West Windsor to adopt River Corridor Regulations with an administrative revision that excludes Brownsville village.** It was suggested that Jason Rasmussen of SWCRPC be invited to the July meeting to discuss this. It was also requested that Preston inform applicants of the risk of building within areas mapped as river corridor until regulations are adopted.
5. Begin process to develop screening requirements for ground-mounted solar facilities as authorized by H.40: Preston shared solar siting guidelines hastily adopted by the Woodstock Selectboard prior to a controversial application for a solar array in Taftsville. Since H.40 has only just been passed, Preston offered to check with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to see if they will be developing a model plan or bylaw amendment.
6. Approve Minutes: **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of April 30, 2015.** The minutes of January 8, 2015 were not acted upon because a quorum of members at that meeting was not present.
7. Other business: Preston was asked to review and report back on the recent Supreme Court decision on signs and the impact of that decision on local regulations. Preston was also asked to review the town plan and ask the DRB for updates to the zoning regulations that could be included in a municipal planning grant.
8. Adjourn: After setting July 30 as the date of the next meeting, the Planning Commission adjourned by consensus at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Bristow