

## WEST WINDSOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Draft Minutes  
August 15, 2013

Present: Barbara Truex, Arthur Steinberg, Elvin Kaplan, Mark Isenberg, Martha Harrison

1. Call to Order – Planning Commission Chair Barbara Truex called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.
2. Changes or Additions – None
3. Public Comment – None
4. Town Plan Chapter 9 (Energy) – Martha said she researched the source of information on fuel wood dollars that stay in the region and there are several articles that cite the same approximate statistics. Martha shared some definitions of residential, commercial and utility wind. The PC agreed to define “residential wind” as “producing enough electricity to power a single residential home.” Martha will check with the Public Service Board on the various categories for wind and solar energy production to see if they are uniform. The PC agreed on criteria for siting commercial solar projects. The PC agreed to review the EPA publication “Strategies for Reducing Residential Wood Smoke” to see if it contains any useful information for the Town Plan. Barbara said burning wood should be allowed but should not have a negative impact on neighboring properties and there should be some means of addressing it if it does. Barbara said the location and efficiency of furnaces can make a big difference. Elvin suggested a specific standard for parts per million of pollutants in the air. Barbara suggested language to encourage people to be good neighbors. The PC agreed that whatever standards are adopted should apply to new and replacement furnaces, not existing furnaces. Barbara noted Al Keiller’s email. In his email, Al suggested the following wording for Energy Policy #8: “All town capital budgets should be developed with energy conservation and cost savings as criteria in selecting capital items for purchase.” Arthur pointed out that energy efficient equipment usually costs more. The PC agreed to adopt Al’s wording with the understanding that the Selectboard will have to weigh the decrease in energy use and expenditure against the increase in capital cost. The PC agreed to include “utility” along with “commercial” in the first Recommendation for Action, and to include “by” in the fourth recommendation.
5. Other Business – Next meeting: The PC agreed not to meet on August 27<sup>th</sup>. At their next meeting on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM, the PC will do a final review of Chapter 10 (Housing). The PC also plans to meet on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.
6. Minutes – June 20<sup>th</sup>: **Barbara moved the approval of the minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup>. Arthur seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
7. Adjourn – **Elvin moved to adjourn at 11:40 AM. Mark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison