

WEST WINDSOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Draft Minutes
December 19, 2013

Present: Barbara Truex, Arthur Steinberg, Al Keiller, Mark Isenberg, Martha Harrison

1. Call to Order – Planning Commission (PC) Chair Barbara Truex called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.
2. Changes or Additions – Martha briefed the PC on a recent meeting involving the town, the resort and the Trust for Public Land (TPL). The purpose of the meeting was to explore the possibility of expanding the town forest by purchasing land from the resort with funding from TPL. The purchase would protect the portion of the non-motorized trail system that is located on resort property and allow for the possible re-establishment of a ski area.
3. Finalize Town Plan Chapter 9 (Energy) – The PC agreed to clarify the exemption mentioned in the first paragraph by including specific statutory language. The PC also confirmed that they don't want commercial or utility wind turbines in town and defined commercial/utility systems as "systems with one or more turbines over 150' in height on the same parcel." The PC agreed to move the evaluation criteria enumerated under "Individual Wind Energy Systems" to the bulleted section under "Commercial & Utility Wind Energy Systems" and to require the applicant to produce the information needed to evaluate conformance with the criteria. Al asked if there are any net metered systems in town. Martha said yes, there are several net-metered solar arrays. The PC agreed to give the net metering paragraph its own sub-heading. The PC questioned the law that allows utilities to reject net metered energy if it exceeds 4% of the utility's peak demand. The PC made a few minor changes to the Solar Energy paragraph and the "SEVCA" paragraph. The PC revised policy #3, 4 and 8 so they all start with a verb, to be consistent with the other policies, and revised recommendation #6 to reflect planned work with the regional planning commission. **Al moved to approve Chapter 9, as amended. Mark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Martha will send a clean copy of the entire plan to the PC for review at the next meeting.
4. Minutes – November 21st: **Al moved the approval of the minutes of November 21st. Barbara seconded the motion, which passed with Mark abstaining.**
5. Other Business - Next meeting: Thursday, January 23rd at 10:30 AM
6. Adjourn – **Al moved to adjourn at 11:00 AM. Mark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison