

Planning Commission  
Town of Weston  
PO Box 98, Weston, VT 05161-0098  
Minutes of Meeting, May 6, 2024

Present: James (Lexi) Young, Geof Brown, Tom Ettinger, Lisa Swett, Matt Bachler

Guest: none

Not Present: Morgan Hart

*Please note: we were unable to open the zoom account and therefore this remained an in-person meeting only.*

1. Lexi Young declares a PC quorum and calls the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.
2. Additions / Changes to the Agenda:
  - a. None
3. Review re-write of: "Land Use" and "Economic Development" by Matt Bachler, Senior Planner with Windam Regional Commission.
  - a. **Matt reviewed his revisions to the Land Use section:**
    - i. Discussion of the use of overlay districts as an opportunity. For example, having a ridgeline district that spans several districts to protect views.
    - ii. Matt reviewed a proposed land use map.
    - iii. Action point is to review commercial versus industrial to see if it makes sense to remove the industrial zone and change what was industrial to commercial. Also look at resource versus conservation.
    - iv. Matt will update the map for comparison at the June meeting and will send a photo of the proposed map out beforehand.
  - b. **Matt reviewed his revisions to Economic section.**
    - i. No changes were suggested to his proposal.
4. Review of the Introduction, Vision & Goals, Community Profile, Weston Values, Implementation, and Consistency with Vermont State Planning Goals Chapters for the Town Plan Update.
  - a. **Matt reviewed his proposed changes and updates to this summary sections.**
    - i. Lexi proposed additional changes to the vision, goals and values which Matt will incorporate.
5. Discussion / planning for Village Walking Tour in June.
  - a. In order to avoid issues with a walking tour such as rain dates, supporting those with disabilities and the simple small size of the downtown, we are opting for a "sedentary" walking tour which we plan to hold on June 24th. We will ask Jon Bliss if he can accommodate us at the Old Parrish Church.
  - b. We will move the July meeting to the 8<sup>th</sup>, given it is the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.
6. Approve Minutes- April 1, 2024– Lexi motioned to approve; Lisa seconded. All in favor.
7. New and Old Business:

- a. Geof presented a letter where the PC demonstrates support of the WVFD pursuit of a congressional earmark through our US Senators' offices. This is for FY 25. All those present were in support. Lexi will take the letter to Morgan Hart at her work location for her opportunity to sign and support the effort. The letter will then be provided to Jennifer Probst. The letter will be placed on the website for reference.
- 8. Lexi motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Lisa seconded the motion. *Motion passes unanimously.*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ James Young, Chair

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Geof Brown, Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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