

TOWN OF WESTERLY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting – July 12, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.
Roberts Room – Westerly Library – 44 Broad Street

A. 5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Gail Mallard, Chair
Joseph T. MacAndrew, Vice Chair
Faith Bessette-Zito
Stuart Blackburn
James J. Federico, III
Nancy N. Richmond (entered 6:13 p.m.)

Members Absent: Gina T. Fuller

Liaisons Present: Catherine DeNoia, Planning Board (entered 5:24 p.m.)

Staff Present: Benjamin Delaney, Planning Associate

B. 5:00 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. MacAndrew, seconded by Ms. Bessette-Zito, to approve the minutes of June 14, 2017.
Motion **CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

Motion by Mr. MacAndrew, seconded by Ms. Bessette-Zito, to move forward public comment. Motion **CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

E. 5:01 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Gorman, 112 Avondale Road, noted she was a member of the Avondale Homeowners Association and requested an update from the committee regarding the draft Comprehensive Plan's references to and discussion on the airport.

Ms. Mallard stated the committee's minutes were posted on the Rhode Island Secretary of State's website and overviewed the committee's revisions to Appendix I. She noted the committee had not yet returned to reviewing the implementation plan within the Primary Report.

Mr. MacAndrew stated the committee sought for baseline data to be included in Appendix I and would not include any recommendation to expand air traffic or lower approach angle.

Ms. Gorman stated the Airport Advisory Committee was working with the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) to gather information on a regular basis.

Kirk Materne, 13 Avondale Road, questioned if the committee was considering a recommendation for air traffic to return to a previous level.

Mr. MacAndrew stated the committee would discuss the airport further when reviewing the implementation plan and noted safety concerns.

Ms. Mallard reviewed the remaining review process for adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. She noted new businesses at the airport did not appear to benefit the Town financially.

C. 5:21 P.M. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Ms. Mallard stated Jack Armstrong, Planning Board Chair, had questioned when the committee would complete its review and discussion was held regarding the transition of the draft from the

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committee to the Planning Board.

Ms. DeNoia stated the Board was interested in beginning its review and proposed beginning with Appendix I and reviewing two chapters at each meeting.

Ms. Mallard noted the committee had just stated to members of the public the committee wished for the plan to be released in whole to avoid inconsistencies.

Mr. MacAndrew suggested the committee seek a joint meeting with the Board to discuss the handover of the document and clarified he was not opposed to releasing Appendix I and Appendix II in whole.

Ms. Mallard stated the committee's next meeting would be on July 26, 2017.

D. 5:10 P.M. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PLAN

The following revisions were made by the committee:

Future Land Use Map (FLU-1)

- Include the Downtown Detail frame
- Include the railroad symbol within the legend
- Review areas identified as open space with documented preserved lands
- Review the Primary Report to confirm the map is referenced in the text
- Review whether the commercial area of Avondale (Avondale Arts, Grey Goose, etc.) is designated as future commercial land use

Important Farm Soils Map (FS-1)

- Include the Downtown Detail frame
- Include the railroad and wetland symbols within the legend
- Revise the colors for Prime Farmland and Statewide Important to be more easily discernable

Groundwater Map (GW-1)

- Include the Downtown Detail frame
- Clarify public wells as those operated by the Town of Westerly
- Clarify whether Groundwater Reservoirs are Aquifers; if so, identify by name
- Eliminate the public well shown in the Town of Stonington

Sewer and Water Infrastructure Map (IN-1)

- Identify the extent of the Town's infrastructure into the Town of Stonington

Stormwater Infrastructure Map (IN-2)

- Include the Downtown Detail frame
- Revise the symbol for Stormwater Outfalls to be larger with a black line and purple or yellow fill
- Review stormwater information ensure the map is up-to-date

Existing Land Use Map (LU-1)

- Revise the title of the map from Impervious Cover
- Eliminate the symbol for wetlands and include the railroad symbol within the legend

Neighborhoods Map (N-1)

- Include a disclaimer text box clarifying that the boundaries of neighborhoods shown are general approximations and not specified or fixed

Natural Hazards and Mitigation Map (NHM-1)

- Identify the Bradford Dam as high hazard and eliminate the White Rock dam
- Confirm evacuation routes are accurate

Public Facilities Map (PF-1)

- Include the railroad symbol within the legend
- Revise gas lines to be more visible on the map or include gas lines on another map

Recreation Map (REC-1)

- Identify bike paths within the Lucey property
- Clarify the bike route on Bradford Road, Dunn's-Corners Bradford Road and Langworthy Road as a bike route
- Identify the boat launch on Post Office Lane in Potter Hill, eliminate the boat launch at Weekapaug Breachway and review whether the boat launch in White Rock is an official designation

CRMC Salt Ponds Region Map (SAMP-1)

- Confirm the boundaries of the Pawcatuck River CRMC SAMP are undetermined

Surface Water Map (SW-1)

- Clarify estuarine water quality standard classes are defined in the Primary Report or Appendix I
- Clarify the criteria for water use categories are defined in the Primary Report or Appendix I

Topography Map (TOPO-1)

- Include the wetlands symbol within the legend
- Revise the symbols of 10 feet, 50 feet and 100 feet contours to be more discernible and legible

Transportation Map (TR-1)

- Revise the map to show scenic roads
- Clarify the bike route on Bradford Road, Dunn's-Corners Bradford Road and Langworthy Road as a bike route
- Include the railroad symbol within the legend
- Identify the boat launch on Post Office Lane in Potter Hill, eliminate the boat launch at Weekapaug Breachway and review whether the boat launch in White Rock is an official designation

Zoning Map (Z-1)

- Revise the colors used for business and commercial
- Reference the Town's online GIS

Conservation Lands Map (CON-1)

- Revise the accuracy of number placement corresponding to conserved land

The committee was in consensus to include a Fire District Map (FD-1) and to eliminate the Impervious Cover Map (IC-1) as all information it presented was included on the Stormwater Infrastructure Map (IN-2).

Ms. Mallard stated she would revise the list of proposed action items for the committee, which would be reviewed at the next meeting. The committee was in consensus to meet at 5:30 p.m. to avoid a scheduling conflict with the Building Code Board of Appeals.

F. 8:16 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. MacAndrew, seconded by Ms. Bessette-Zito, to adjourn. Motion **CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

Minutes for the July 12, 2017 meeting submitted by:



Benjamin Delaney

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