

TOWN OF WESTERLY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting – January 10, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
Development Services Conference Room – Town Hall – 45 Broad Street

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

Members Present: Gail Mallard, Chair
Joseph MacAndrew, Vice Chair
Faith Bessette-Zito
Stuart Blackburn
James J. Federico, III
Nancy Richmond

Members Absent: Gina T. Fuller

Liaisons Present: Catherine DeNoia, Planning Board

Staff Present: Benjamin Delaney, Planning Associate

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

Ms. Mallard noted the approved minutes of November 29, 2017 had been mistakenly sent out rather than the draft minutes of December 13, 2017.

A motion to continue approval of the December 13, 2017 minutes to the January 24, 2018 meeting was made by Ms. Richmond and seconded by Mr. MacAndrew. The motion **CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

C. 5:00 P.M. DISCUSSION – FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Delaney suggested that the Committee review and revise additional text submitted by the consultant separately from Appendix I to avoid inconsistency between its version and the Planning Board's version of the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion was held regarding the preliminary review of the draft Comprehensive Plan by Statewide Planning.

The Committee was in consensus for the Planning Board to review and revise additional text submitted by the consultant regarding comments from State agencies and for a version of the Committee's final draft to be maintained for record.

Mr. Delaney stated he would provide the Committee a final draft of the Primary Report by January 19, 2018.

D. 5:28 P.M. DISCUSSION – DRAFT PRIMARY REPORT AND APPENDICES

Appendix I: Open Space and Recreation

Page 1

The Committee was in consensus to include "Approval of a bond in 2006 (\$3 million) for the acquisition of Lucey properties for open space and recreation." and "Approval of a bond in 2014 (\$1.3 million) for the acquisition of additional Lucey properties for open space and passive recreation." Within the list under subsection 8.1.2 Local Planning Context.

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The Committee requested confirmation a Conservation Easement was in effect over the Shelter Harbor golf course.

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The Committee requested clarification what the regional goals for open space were.

Pages 12-13

The Committee was in consensus to include the Bradford Landing Fishing Area, Chapman Pond, Main Street Boat Ramp, Weekapaug Breachway and Westerly Marina in Table 8-8 Water Access Points for Boating and Fishing in Westerly.

Appendix I: Historic and Cultural Resources

Ms. Mallard noted the chapter needed its pages numbered.

The Committee agreed the draft Comprehensive Plan should include additional photographs for relevant sections.

Page 3

The Committee was in consensus to revise “The program was... respectively and now... tax credit programs.” as “The program was... 25% (trade/businesses) and 20% (residential apartments/condominiums) of costs for approved rehabilitation of spaces. The program also now provides funding for the cost of maintaining their... tax credit programs.”

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The Committee was in consensus to revise “The Ocean House then... and mahogany balustrades.” as “The Ocean House reopened... artifacts and furnishings.”

The Committee was in consensus to revise “The Westerly Land Trust is... public television station.” as “The Westerly Land Trust has an urban initiative which has included the acquisition of properties on Canal Street, High Street and Main Street for renewal projects such as renovation... public television station.”

The Committee was in consensus to insert the sentence “The Westerly Revolving Fund has also purchased an existing structure on 6 Beach Street which has been rehabilitated for commercial and residential uses.” at the end of the paragraph beginning “It is expected...”

Appendix I: Natural Hazards and Resiliency

Ms. Mallard noted the chapter needed its pages numbered.

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The Committee was in consensus to revise “Due to Westerly being originally settled along...” as “Due to Westerly’s original settlement along...”

Page 3

The Committee was in consensus to revise and streamline the paragraph beginning “As a coastal community...” to avoid duplicative discussion on page six (6).

Page 7

The Committee was in consensus to revise “For example, the... and debris buildup.” as “For example, the... and debris buildup due to the supporting columns located in the middle of the river.”

The Committee was in consensus to revise “In addition, Chapman Pond was flooded so badly that it effectively...” as “In addition, the severity of flooding in the area of Chapman Pond effectively...”

Page 8

The Committee was in consensus to revise the sentence structure of the paragraph beginning “The

headlands and...”

Page 10

The Committee was in consensus to remove “The Bradford Dam...” as the dam had now been removed and to cite the Potter Hill dam with its RIDEM identification number.

E. 6:40 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

F. 6:40 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. MacAndrew and seconded by Ms. Richmond. The motion **CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

Minutes for the January 10, 2018 meeting submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benjamin Delaney". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Benjamin Delaney, Planning Associate: