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## **PLANNING BOARD**

### **PLANNING BOARD MEETING**

August 17, 2021

Chairman Jim Whitin called the meeting to order at 4:02 with Vice-Chair Robert Daylor and members John Bullard, Manuel Soares, Mark L. Schmid, and Town Planner James Hartnett in attendance.

#### **Call to Order at 4:00 pm**

##### **1. Administrative Items**

- a. Climate resiliency  
MVP Grant Discussion

The members discussed what the MVP Program's next steps will be. Woods Hole Group suggested that the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, ConCom, and The Beach Committee work together to create a Resiliency Committee comprised of two members from the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and one person from the Board of Health. Two public members from the Watershed Alliance from the Buzzards Bay Coalition with knowledge or experience in the subject would be beneficial.

Bullard will prepare a letter to the Board of Selectmen to establish and sustain a formation of a Climate Resilience Committee, which will be reviewed by the Planning Board.

Daylor proposed updating the zoning for the Route 6 Corridor at the Annual Town Meeting in the spring of 2023. Whitin suggested denser housing would make it more attractive to 40B developers because of the water and sewer system. Possibly creating multi-family housing in the STOD because of the convenience and the proximity to the new train station and bus routes.

##### **b. Department Priorities**

Whitin recommended that discussions begin regarding which topics should be included on the agenda for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting, such as the re-zoning STOD, Solar By-laws restricting the clear-cutting of trees, and revisit the zoning for cell towers.

##### **2. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant (MVP)**

- Next steps

##### **3. Planning Positions**

- Assistant Planner
- Town Planner

Whitin stated that he and Daylor had reviewed the resumes for the Assistant Planner position and that interviews will be conducted within the next two weeks. At the August 16th Board of Selectman meeting, the Board received permission to advertise for the Town Planner position.

#### **4. Minutes**

- a. August 10, 2021

#### **Motion**

Bullard moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021, as written. Seconded by Daylor with all five members in favor.

#### **5. Invoices**

None

#### **6. Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated**

Bullard asked how to start a discussion on how to recommend naming something after our only most famous resident, Paul Cuffe.

#### **Motion**

Bullard moved that the Planning Board recommend to the Board of Selectmen and School Committee that consideration be given to find a suitable way to recognize the contributions to the Town of Westport by Paul Cuffe. Seconded by Soares with all five members in favor.

#### **7. Short/Long-term Planning Discussions**

The Board discussed how to proceed with new solar limitations.

#### **Adjournment**

The members unanimously adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hartnett, Town Planner

Nadine Castro, Assistant Town Planner II