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**PLANNING BOARD**

**PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 27, 2016**

Chairman James T. Whitin called the meeting to order 6:32 p.m. with Vice-Chairman William Raus, Clerk Marc De Rego, Member David Cole, and Town Planner James Hartnett in attendance. Member Andrew Sousa was absent.

**Public Hearing to hear comment on the 2016 Master Plan draft.**

Jim Hartnett and David Cole presented a review of the Master Plan Update. They explained what a Master Plan is and why it is important to the Town and how much it cost to complete. Hartnett and Cole named all of the people who have spent their time creating and perfecting the 2016 Master Plan Update, stating that it was a “community project”. Hartnett and Cole noted that the 2016 Master Plan Update can be viewed on the Planning Board Website and is also available in paper copies.

Jack Baughan was present, stating that he worked on the previous Master Plan for Westport, and participated in this Master Plan Update. He noted that the “Implementation” section of the new Master Plan is a good addition to the Plan. Baughan discussed the education system in Westport.

Sean Leach was present and discussed how he lives near the Dartmouth/Westport border; he stated that both towns have the same tax rate, but Westport lacks perks such as trash removal, public water supply and public sewer. Leach stated that a tax increase will be necessary to meet the wish list of Westport residents.

Irene Buck, Chair of the Westport Culture Council, was present and thanked the Master Plan Update Subcommittee and all the participants for their work on the update.

Betty Slade was present and discussed how important the Implementation of the Master Plan is and how important all of the volunteers and separate committees are.

Board of Selectmen member Shana Shufelt was present and also stated that the volunteers and the various committees are important and asked how to get new members and volunteers interested and involved in participating in the future.

Board of Selectmen Chair Michael Sullivan was present and stated that the Board is invited to present the Master Plan Update at a BOS Meeting. Sullivan thanked everyone who was involved in the Update Process.

Whitin thanked all of the participants involved in the Update process including staff members, various committee members and all of the volunteers. Whitin stated that more commercial activity (as long as it meshes with the local culture) may need to be introduced to increase Town revenue and will be good for the local and regional economy. Raus stated that the update is full of positives, not just negatives. De Rego stated that the Update is well written and is a good reference of what has been done, and what needs to be done.

Cole motioned to accept the Master Plan Update Executive Summary on behalf of the Town by the Planning Board. De Rego seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous with all in favor.

**Administrative Items.**

a. Endorse Black Oak Circle (16-001C) Form C and LID Decisions. Raus motioned to endorse the two decisions for Black Oak Circle. De Rego seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous with all in favor.

b. SRPEDD Delegate Assignments. Raus nominated Whitin as the SRPEDD Commission Member. Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous with all in favor.

Raus motioned to recommend to the BOS that Hartnett and Sousa remain the Representative and Alternate to the JPTG. De Rego seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous with all in favor.

c. Annual Town Meeting articles and zoning recommendations.

Article 25: Donation of a certain parcel of land on Alberto Drive Assessor's Map 3, Lot 134E.

Cole motioned that there are no outstanding issues pertaining to the property in question and that acquiring the piece of land would not be in the interest of the Town. Raus seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous with all in favor.

Hartnett reviewed Articles 35, 39 and 40 for the Board.

**Any other business that may come before the Board.**

None.

**Correspondence**

a. BOS Request for PB determination of there are any outstanding issues with regards to Article 25 – a donation of a parcel of land on Alberto Drive Assessor's Map 3, Lot 134E. See above.

b. CH91 2004 Main Road, Loring. Brief discussion ensued. No action required.

c. ZBA: Notice of Decision for Brookmeadow Comprehensive Permit Modification. Noted. No action required.

d. Notice from Boucher & Heureux re: Brookmeadow Comprehensive Permit - Brookwood Drive Extension and Granite Post Road – reduction of 52 to 15 lots. Noted. No action required.

e. BOS meeting on Monday May 2, 2016, Seaport Economic Council Grant Review at 6:10 p.m. Noted.

**Minutes**

April 19, 2016. Raus motioned to approve the minutes as written. De Rego seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous with all in favor.

**Invoices.**

Printing of the Master Plan Executive Summary for Annual Town Meeting. Alpha Graphics. \$808.16.

Hartnett \$189.69 Total: Mileage \$43.20; Phone Reimbursement for April \$50; Notary Renewal \$60. Wireless for Internet \$36.49.

Cole motioned to pay the invoices listed above. De Rego seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous with all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Members unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Steadman, Recording Clerk