

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
August 4, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Planning Board was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman O'Brien in the Senior Center Building at the Municipal Complex.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, a notice of this meeting's date, time, location and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the township bulletin board and filed with the Municipal Clerk July 28, 2021.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Gene O'Brien, Chair
Michael Karp, Vice-Chair
Hemant Marathe, Mayor
Sue Appelget
Anis Baig
Linda Geevers
Simon Pankove
Allen Schectel
Saju Joseph, Alt. #2

ABSENT: Curtis Hoberman
Jyotika Bahree, Alt. #1

TOWNSHIP CONSULTANT STAFF

Gerald Muller, Esq., Attorney
David Novak, PP, Planner
Frank Guzik, PE, Township Engineer
Jeffrey L'Amoreaux, PE, Traffic Engineer
Sam Surtees, Land Use Manager and Zoning Officer

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick Murphy, 26 Birchwood Court, West Windsor: Mr. Murphy read a letter into the record on behalf of Eileen Murphy and neighbors regarding negative impacts of the changing climate. He asked that the Planning Board members keep these comments in mind when reviewing and adopting the Master Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Attorney Muller asked that the March 17, 2021 Minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda

Minutes -- March 3, 2021, March 10, 2021, May 5, 2021

Mr. Baig made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2021, March 10, 2021, and May 5, 2021; seconded by Mayor Marathe. Approved by voice vote.

Abstentions March 3, 2021: Karp, Appelget, Pankove, Schectel

Abstentions March 10, 2021: Karp, Appelget, Geevers, Pankove, Schectel

Abstentions May 5, 2021: Karp, Appelget, Baig, Pankove

Minutes -- March 17, 2021

Mayor Marathe made a motion to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes as amended, with two changes as cited by Attorney Muller; seconded by Mr. Baig. Approved by voice vote. Abstention(s) by: Karp, Appelget, Geevers, Pankove, Schectel, Joseph

The minutes will be amended by the Recording Secretary and the final version will be forwarded to the Administrative Secretary.

MASTER PLAN WORK SESSION

Draft Circulation Plan Element of the West Windsor Township Master Plan
(continued from 6/2/21)

Comments were received from the public prior to the Planning Board's review of the Plan.

Louis Petitjean, 112 Lowell Court, Unit, 5, West Windsor, distributed a handout showing photographs to the Planning Board members and Professionals relating to the Circulation Plan Element. He described issues that included the Nassau Park Boulevard path, the Route 1 sidewalk on the southbound side, and Alexander Road bike lane, and gave some suggestions such as installation of bike racks. Mr. Petitjean will email his comments to Mr. Surtees so he can forward them to Planner Novak and Traffic Engineer L'Amoreaux.

Sylvia Ascarelli, 27 Melville Road, West Windsor, spoke on behalf of the West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance (WWBPA). Referring to a letter dated August 1, 2021 from the WWBPA, she asked for connectivity for residents of the Bear Brook area to access the Square at Windsor Wood Shopping Center (with Trader Joe's and Lowe's), plus the adjoining Windsor Woods Apartment complex. The sidewalk from Bear Brook Road ends at Carnegie Center Drive 0.3 miles from the entrance. They also encourage the Township to consider ways to improve access to Duck Pond Park from the West Windsor Woods Apartments and the planned Duck Pond housing complex behind it. Township Engineer Guzik stated that his concern is that the Meadow Road has a 50 MPH speed limit, and he suggested a traffic study first be conducted in that vicinity.

Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, gave some suggestions for additions to the Circulation Plan Map. She also asked that the gun club near a prospective path be acknowledged.

Planner Novak stated there has been recent legislation regarding electric vehicle charging.

The Planning Board members reviewed, discussed, and made changes to the draft version of the Plan. The suggestions by the public and planning board members will be considered for inclusion into the Circulation Plan Element of the Master Plan.

MASTER PLAN WORK SESSION

Draft Utility Plan Element of the West Windsor Township Master Plan.

The Board opted not to begin the Work Session of the Plan this evening, and it will be placed on the August 11, 2021 Agenda.

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The next Regular meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2021.

With no further business, Chairman O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Dziura
Recording Secretary