

MINUTES
October 2, 2007
West Boylston
TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

TWPC members present: Mr Gaumond, Mr Greenough, Ms Pare, Ms Feland, Dr Tashjian, Ms Dunn, Mr Evans, Mr. Baker, and Ms Harris.

TWPC members absent: Mr Kevin McCormick, Mr Fishbein, and Ms Meola.

Also present: Mr Jim Edwardson, Ms Brenda Bowman, Open Space Committee members, and Dr Greg Ciottone, Harvard University.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by the Chairman, Mr Gaumond.

The minutes of the September 4, 2007 meeting were approved with the addition of " The Committee Voted to accept this report and to attach it to these minutes, **including the updated Implementation Schedule dated 9/04/07.** "

Mr Gaumond welcomed Ms Feland to her first TWPC as our newest member.

October 2007 Town Meeting Warrant Articles

After discussion the Committee Voted the following recommendations:

Article 1 Reports

The Committee voted to have Mr Greenough write the usual report on our activities since the last Town Meeting to be handed out at the Town Meeting.

Articles 2,3,4,and 5 (Tivnan Drive Project) Voted 8-0 to recommend approval of these Articles

Article 7 (Athletic field proposal) Voted 6-1-1 to recommend approval if after consulting with School Committee there would be no need to save this land for future school expansion.

Article 13 (I-190 zoning change) Voted 8-0 to recommend approval of this article.

Article 15 (Checkerboard zoning change) Voted 8-0 to recommend approval of this article.

Article 20 (School study) Voted 8-0 to recommend approval of this article if the article was amended to have the School Committee do the study.

The TWPC makes its recommendations on these articles as to whether or not they conform to the goals and objectives of the Town's Master Plan. Approval of all of the articles above will achieve many of the goals outlined in our approved Master Plan.

Mr Gaumond referenced a current grant application and suggested Ms Pare look it over to see if it would be of assistance to the Planning Board.

The meeting was turned over to Dr Tashjian for his report on the activities of the Open Space Committee. He stated they were going over the current West Boylston Open Space and Recreation Plan and beginning the process for the five year required update. He is exploring some new areas of concern and he introduced Dr Greg Ciottone from Harvard University who talked about using open space for disaster preparedness training facilities.

The draft of the update plan has been started.

Mr Gaumond is setting up the Town Agricultural Commission authorized by the Article passed at the last May Town Meeting which will make the Town eligible for those type of grants.

Mr Greenough will write the TWPC report for the October Town Meeting.

Next Meeting will be on December 4,2007 at 7 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Charles Greenough, Clerk