

Meeting notes
October 5, 2010
West Boylston
TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

TWPC members present: Mr. Gaumond, Ms Dunne, Ms. Harris, Mr. Simmarano, Ms. Meola

TWPC members absent: Mr. Phillips, Ms. Engelbart, Ms. Bohanson, Ms. Pare, Mr. Fishbein and Dr. Tashjian

The TWPC meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Leon Gaumond, at 7:10 pm. Mr. Gaumond announced that Mr. Owanisian was elected to the School Committee and will no longer be able to represent the Finance Committee on TWPC.

Without a formal quorum, the approval of minutes will be deferred to the next meeting.

Updates on Master Plan Chapters

Chapter 1: Executive summary will be done after all other chapters are done.

Chapter 2: Factors influencing growth. Mr. Gaumond will begin work on this chapter as well.

Chapter 3: Land Use/Zoning: Mr. Gaumond spoke with Ms. Pare. She will speak with the Assessors for some data and will report at the next meeting.

Chapter 4: Population/Housing: Ms. Harris and Ms. Meola have met on this and are working on it. They are waiting for the Housing Production Plan to be completed.

Chapter 5: Economic Development: Mr. Fishbein has completed his draft.

Chapter 6: Transportation: Mr. Gaumond spoke with Mr. Salate. He believes he will have a draft done before the end of October.

Chapter 7: Ms. Engelbart has begun working on the draft and provided us with a first draft. She is still working on it and Mr. Gaumond asked any TWPC member to forward comments to her if they have any.

Chapter 8: Cultural: This chapter appears to be done.

Chapter 9: Facilities: This chapter appears to be done.

Chapter 9(a): Services: This chapter appears to be done.

Chapter 10: Finances: This chapter appears to be done.

Appendix A: This chapter appears to be done.

Mr. Gaumond will outreach to the School Committee to update their section.

Mr. Gaumond mentioned that he would like to schedule a 're-visioning' exercise for the TWPC sometime after the first of the year and after the Master Plan in completed. This will be done to see what the citizens wish to do about the TWPC and to see if we can get more participation in this committee.

The TWPC reviewed the articles for the October town meeting on 10-18-10. The following articles were deemed to be consistent with the West Boylston Master Plan and are hereby recommended for approval:

- Article 4: Amending the Zoning Bylaws to include cluster zoning: This is listed as a recommendation under the Open Space & Recreation Section as well as the Land Use Section.
- Article 14: Vote to approve the land acquisition under the CPA: One of the goals of the Master Plan is to acquire open land by purchase or gift, and work with landowners to preserve sensitive resources through conservation measures.
- Article 15: Installation of lights at Goodale Park: One of the recommendations under the Open Space & Recreation Section is to repair or reconstruct the tennis and basketball courts at Goodale Park and this project has been found to be consistent with that goal.
- Article 20: Transfer funds to the Capital Fund: One of the recommendations of the Municipal Finance Section of the Master Plan is to include capital improvement funds in all yearly budgets.

Next meeting will be held on November 2nd, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion concluded at 8:10 p.m.

Leon A. Gaumont Jr., Town Administrator