

**West Boylston
TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2011

TWPC members present: Mr. Gaumond, Mr. Fishbein, Ms. Pare, Mr. Simmarano, Ms. Dunne, Mr. Owanisian

TWPC members absent: Mr. Phillips, Ms. Meola, Ms. Engelbart and Dr. Tashjian

The TWPC meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Leon Gaumond, at 7:03 pm.

Motion by Ms. Pare to approve the minutes of 5-3-2011. Seconded by Mr. Owanisian. All in favor.

Ms. Pare updated the TWPC that the land use and housing sections will be worked on later this year or early next year when the census data is completely certified.

Since Ms. Engelbart did not attend the meeting to discuss the Open Space Chapter, the TWPC discussed other agenda items.

Mr. Gaumond reviewed the Comprehensive Land Use bill being debated in the legislature. One of the big concerns about this bill is that local zoning must be consistent with current Master Plans. If that requirement remains in the bill, it could open the towns to legal challenges. The Planning Board is aware of the work on this and MMA is advocating on behalf of cities and towns on this issue.

Mr. Gaumond presented fact sheets from a recent 40b conference he attended on the 40b process. Ms. Pare reported that her study of 40b exemptions is running into problems with CMRPC. We are continuing to review the status of the exemptions and will update the committee.

Mr. Gaumond provided information about the Special Municipal Employee designation. There were no requests to have the designation dropped. Mr. Gaumond also presented a copy of a letter to the Building Inspector regarding the Aquifer Overlay protection District.

There was a discussion regarding the federal census. There are considerable questions about the jail population and whether or not the jail population is included in our overall town numbers. Mr. Gaumond will speak with the Town Clerk about bringing a census representative to our next meeting to explain.

In further discussions about the Open Space Chapter, Ms. Pare suggested that open space and recreation should be separated more distinctly in the chapter. Also, some action items have no origin in the written text. Also format is important as well. She will speak with Ms. Engelbart to review some proposed changes.

Mr. Gaumond will send the draft chapters to Ms. Pare for updating the Master Plan website.

Mr. Owanisian spoke to having the school master plan included in the Town Master Plan. there was general agreement in its inclusion.

Next meeting will be held on September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Owanisian to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Simmarano. Meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

Leon A. Gaumond Jr., Town Administrator