

TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2011
West Boylston

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

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

The TWPC meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Leon Gaumond, at 7:15 pm.

Motion by Ms. Pare to approve the minutes of 8-9-2011. Seconded by Ms. Dunne. All in favor.

Mr. Gaumond provided a brief update as to where the Master Plan Chapter rewrites is. We are still waiting approval of transportation, land use, housing, open space and the executive summary.

Ms. Pare attended a meeting on the census data and got information on developing Master Plans. In 2000 they changed the way census data is collected, by sending out long form requests on a monthly basis. Every year this data is published however West Boylston cannot use this data because of a lack of an adequate sample size. West Boylston needs to use the 5-year sample which will be released in December 2011. Some information is already available. She is working on how to use the data. She further reports that household data does not include jail population however some per capita data may include group quarter data.

Ms. Pare also spoke about having goals and vision included in the plan.

Since Ms. Engelbart did not attend the meeting to discuss the Open Space Chapter, no decision has made about that section. However there was comments that the formatting of the section needs to be more consistent with the other chapters. We will discuss with Ms. Engelbart. Both Ms. Dunne and Mr. Owanisian agreed to review and provide suggestions on formatting.

Mr. Gaumond mentioned that someone should be found who will review the entire Master Plan for consistency.

Mr. Gaumond spoke to having a larger discussion about the future of the TWPC after the update is completed in 2012.

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

Motion by to adjourn by Ms Pare, seconded by Mr. Owanisian. Meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.

Leon A. Gaumond Jr., Town Administrator