## Meeting Minutes January 8, 2013 West Boylston TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

<u>TWPC members present:</u> Mr. Gaumond, Mr. Simmarano, Ms. Pare, and Mr. Owanisian

TWPC members absent: Mr. Fishbein, Mr. Hadley, Ms. Meola, Ms. Dunne

Mr. Gaumond called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Pare to approve the minutes of 12-4-12, seconded by Mr. Simmarano. All in favor.

Mr. Gaumond presented the TWPC with an email from Sue Meola regarding her housing chapter. She is still working diligently on the draft.

Ms. Pare reported that the Land Use section has been reviewed and she has several comments and questions to discuss with the full board. Mr. Gaumond suggested that this be the focus of our next meeting in February. Ms. Pare will send the draft with comments to Mr. Gaumond for inclusion on the next agenda.

Mr. Owanisian reported that the school update is ready to go when the TWPC committee will need something from them.

Mr. Gaumond presented the TWPC with a copy of MGL Chapter 41, Section 81D which details the required components of the Master Plan.

There was further discussion about the timetable for the completion of the Master Plan and the future of the committee. Mr. Gaumond presented his draft one-page report of one of the previously approved draft chapter (economic development). He shows how we could take the material found in the respective chapters and reformat it in a more digestible manner. There was also discussions on working to empower a stronger, citizen-driven organization in Town to help set the vision and action plan for the community. Mr. Gaumond spoke about the inherent issues with having a town-sponsored group leading the charge on developing the long-term vision for the community. Ideas about a West Boylston 2025 or 2030 Committee were explored and need to be further explored in the next year.

Concerning the schedule, the TWPC is still planning on having the Master Plan completed and approved at the Fall Town Meeting.

Mr. Gaumond presented the TWPC with copies of the new state Ethics Commission's required training. All members are encouraged to complete the test and provide the certificates to the Town Clerk.

The next meeting of the TWPC will be February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Ms. Pare to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Simmarano at 8:17 p.m. All in favor.

Leon A. Gaumond Jr., Town Administrator