

Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2014  
TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

TWPC members absent: Mr. Kaufman, Ms. Chanis, Ms. Meola

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

Motion by Mr. Hadley to approve the minutes of 12-3-2013, seconded by Ms. Dunne. All in favor.

There were no new updates on other Master Plan chapters.

The Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Economic Development, Financial services, and historic resources chapters. The deliberation on the proposed changes was:

Chapter 5: Economic development

- 1) Change 'plans' to 'plan' on page 1. TWPC supports the grammatical change.
- 2) The Planning Board recommends changing the intent of the business survey to indicate that business people feel that town offices support their needs on page 1. There was considerable discussion on this. TWPC rejects the change by the Planning Board. The TWPC feels that they could not support this change without further information from the Planning Board. The original survey indicated that town officials do not support the needs of the business community.
- 3) Change 'know' to 'known' on page 8. TWPC supports the grammatical change.
- 4) Change 'regions' to 'region' on page 14. TWPC supports the grammatical change.
- 5) Change the sentences relative to the Economic Target Area on page 14. TWPC feels that the Planning Board's language reads much better and concurs with the change.

Chapter 9: Cultural & Historic Resources

- 1) Amend paragraph 3 regarding the use of the library. TWPC concurs with the suggestion and agrees to change the last sentence to read 'The library is often used as an informal meeting and information exchange location.'
- 2) We believe the list of activities to be up to date with the exception of the Women's Club which has ceased to exist. The list will be updated accordingly and will be reformatted to read consistently.
- 3) The TWPC feels the sentence on the Veteran's Agent to be sufficient and no changes are necessary.
- 4) Since there are Summer Programs now, the sentence will be amended accordingly.
- 5) The WBPA paragraph will now read: 'The West Boylston Public Access Cable TV, Channel 11, cablecasts an events bulletin board, government meetings, local sports, a monthly magazine show, and other programs of local interest. Channel 12, our education channel, broadcasts an events bulletin board, and various programs performed at the

school. Channel 13, our government channel, broadcasts local meetings and government related programming.'

- 6) Change 'Showcase Theatre' to 'Hanover Theater' and amend the sentence accordingly. TWPC supports the grammatical change.
- 7) The Planning Board's suggestion to reference the Bicentennial Celebration in the past tense was also acceptable.

#### Chapter 11: Financial Strategies

- 1) Remove the clause 'non' in 'non-discretionary'. TWPC supports the grammatical change.
- 2) There was a request from the Planning Board to use updated financial information. There was considerable discussion about this. The Town Administrator wishes to use FY2010 data for the update. That way the state will have FY05 and then FY10 financial data. His plan will be to update this chapter again in FY15 to show a complete 5 & 10 year plan. That being said, TWPC will add the following sentence on page 1 'Historical and updated financial information can be found on the Town's website.' Furthermore TWPC agrees to remove the last sentence in section #2 on page 5 regarding the MBAC.
- 3) Change 'recommend' to 'recommended' on page 9. TWPC supports the grammatical change.
- 4) Remove the extra space on page 10. TWPC supports the grammatical change.

Motion by Mr. Simmarano to amend the three chapters are indicated above. Seconded by Ms. Dunne. All in favor.

Mr. Gaumond informed the TWPC of the proposed 40B project in Oakdale and that it appears to be moving forward.

The next meeting of the TWPC will be March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Ms. Dunne to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hadley at 7:46 p.m. All in favor.

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Leon A. Gaumond Jr., Town Administrator