

Wilmington Planning Commission
Meeting April 24, 2017

In attendance: Cheryl LaFlamme (chair) [by phone], Wendy Manners Seaman,
Angela Yakovleff, Craig Ohlson,
Gretchen Havreluk, Wilmington Works/Interim Town Manager
Ann Manwaring, Select Board representative
Visitor: Will King; Solar Sense

Meeting called to order by Cheryl (by phone) at 4:15 pm.

1. Additions to agenda

WRC request for Act 174 discussion
Discuss proposed rule 5.100

2. Approve minutes from April 19, 2017 meeting.

Wendy moved to accept the minutes as written.

Cheryl seconded.

In favor: Cheryl

Wendy

Angela

Opposed: 0

3. Discuss grant possibilities:

Gretchen presented two possible grants we can pursue.

-Eco-system restoration-At present we have only last year's information. New information will be presented at a webinar on May 4 from 10:30-12:00 about an upcoming RFP. It is somewhat involved.

Cheryl and Craig will participate in the webinar.

-VT watershed

education/outreach

planning

on ground projects (i.e. rain gardens, native trees and shrubs, dam removal, in-stream habitat improvement, flood resiliency)

BDCC Chris Saunders from Leahy Office Blueprint to Rebuild America's
Infrastructure

Resilient communities

Entire U.S.- 25 billion dollars

Gretchen will find out more about this .

Discussion of cost to PC for grant writing assistance and monies available. The budget ends June 30. We are \$420 over budget for present FY

Next FY budget is \$4795.00 which includes \$4145.00 projected dues for WRC.

WRC will generally provide planning grant help for free.
For a flood resiliency plan we would have to pay them.

Another municipal planning grant is not coming up until next winter.

4. Discuss Solar Project

Will King from Solar Sense presented information on solar panels and preferred sites

Next steps will be to determine if the town wants to pursue this.

Ann suggested the Planning Commission come to the Select Board to lay it out once we have a better sense of Act 174 and the options for the town. The Planning Commission will follow-up with Will King in four weeks. GMP has maps that we can access to look over possible preferred sites.

5. Town Plan work session discussion

What are the things we talked about that we want to go forward with?

Town Plan- We agreed to make changes and resubmit to the Select Board.

If we add Act 174 changes will PC need a new hearing?

No the Select Board would have a hearing.

Ann suggested we have a prioritization of work that needs to get done and go after money for that.

Wendy made a motion to adjourn.

Angela seconded.

In favor: Cheryl, Wendy, Angela

Opposed 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

May 8 Agenda items:

What is a preferred site?

Town Plan discussion

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Yakovleff, Scribe