

Wilmington Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2019
Meeting Time: 4:00 P.M.

Open meeting

Cheryl called the meeting called to order at 4:02.

In attendance: Cheryl LaFlamme, chair, Tom Consolino, Meg Staloff,
Angela Yakovleff (at 4:04)

Mike Tuller, Zoning Administrator, Scott Tucker, Town Manager

Visitors: Chris Mays, Brattleboro Reformer

Gretchen Havreluk (at 4:30)

Additions to the agenda

Discussion of article in Reformer vis a vis marijuana legalization resolutions
in other towns.

Discussion on housing, potentially to be added to January agenda.

Tactical Basin Plan meeting at Town Office 6:30-8:00, Dec. 19 at Town
Office

Approval of minutes of 11/25

Tom moved to approve the minutes.

Meg seconded.

In Favor: Tom, Cheryl, Meg

Opposed: none

Abstain: none

Angela arrived 4:04

**Approval of minutes of December 3, 2019, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
Meeting**

Approval postponed because there was no quorum of those in
attendance at the Dec. 3, 2019 meeting.

Public comment

None

**Follow-Up Discussion Regarding The Wilmington Local Hazard Mitigation
Plan Update Effort**

There was review and discussion of work done with Alyssa Sabetto (WRC).
Alyssa will take information gathered and write a draft plan to send to
FEMA in January so we are in compliance. The present plan expires on
Jan. 22, 2020. She will have the new draft plan to FEMA by that date.

There was a lengthy discussion about the bridge in the center of town. Should update and repair of the bridge be included as a mitigation in the new plan? Tom noted during Irene the largest troop carrier was sent out and used across the bridge. Has there been any consideration to contact the secretary of transportation? Could John Gannon help?

Meg noted there had been discussion at the meeting with Alyssa about whether or not to include improvement of the bridge as a mitigation? Scott thinks it could be a first step if it's included. It will make the state aware of the issues. Scott wondered if there has ever been an engineering study, feasibility, outcome? He sees it not so much a mitigation as an investigation.

Cheryl will send an e-mail to Alyssa asking if she is including it in the new plan and what the mitigation would be.

Meg thinks it would be beneficial to do some education on invasive species. She thinks the trails committee could help with education and clean up.

Scott thinks the youth conservation corps could help, especially with getting knot weed out.

Follow-up discussion Regarding Flood and Fluvial Erosion Bylaw

There was a negative vote by the Select Board. Where do we go from here?

Tom suggested we contact the newspaper and have Cheryl interviewed. The board feels we should put the item on the agenda after Town Meeting in an April meeting. There was discussion about whether we want to consider the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) model rather than WRC. If that is done, we can amend the document to include river corridors at a later time. Meg wondered if we should mention that we are addressing river corridors as a possible mitigation in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The board feels this is addressing resilience and prevention of repetitive losses. Cheryl will reach out to Dover to see what their thoughts on this issue are. To date they have been unresponsive.

Discussion concerning Brattleboro Reformer article about marijuana legalization resolutions in other towns

Scott said marijuana discussion is not yet on the Select Board Agenda. The issue has to do with taxing marijuana as the State Senate is proposing. Wilmington has an ordinance for medical marijuana. Is this ordinance legal? S54 draft bill can be found on the Legislative page.

Discussion on housing

There is a study about affordable housing. If the town decides to address this, zoning will need to change. Gretchen Havreluk will send a copy of the document to Cheryl.

Next meeting

Cheryl canceled the meeting on December 23, 2019.
The next meeting will be on January 13, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 PM. Meg seconded.

In favor: Cheryl, Tom, Meg, Angela

Opposed: None

Abstain: none

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Yakovleff, clerk