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MEETING MINUTES March 9, 2016

Chairman: Marc Frieden
Members Present: Vincent Vignaly, Christopher Olson, Cheryl Carlson, Barur Rajeshkumar
Members Absent: None
Others Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Complete Streets Policy (possible vote to recommend the Selectmen adopt the Policy) – Mr. Rajeshkumar said Mr. Vignaly is incorporating the changes recommended by MA DOT. A public hearing is not required. Robert Barrell (Board of Health) said the BOH supports additional sidewalks. He said the Worcester Board of Health will help with grant writing if needed. Mr. Rajeshkumar made a motion to approve the Complete Street Policy and recommend it to the Board of Selectmen to review and adopt the policy; Ms. Carlson seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion approved.

99 Hartwell Street (Stormwater Permit) – Kevin Quinn (Quinn Engineering) said they are at a fundamental disagreement with VHB. The basis is the stormwater system and underground chambers they installed were designed to be storage chambers only and have no separation to groundwater. VHB believes that water will perk down and feel there should be a 2' separation from groundwater. Mr. Quinn said that he classifies the chambers as extended dry detention basins and the DEP standards for these state “construct extended dry detention basins above the normal groundwater elevation, i.e., the bottom of the basin should not intercept groundwater”. Mr. Quinn disagrees with VHB; the key reason being that the standard contemplates what he is doing and the standard does not articulate separation. If they are doing something that involves infiltration, they would have to meet that standard. DEP standards only state that you have to be above the groundwater table and they meet that standard; they do not have the room at the site for the separation. Mr. Quinn said the chambers restrict the rate the water passes through and it will only hold water for a few hours. They put in perforated pipes so the water would not be stored in the chamber. Mr. Quinn believes the Planning Board needs to make the finding that they are compliant with the DEP Stormwater standard.

Mr. Quinn said the stormceptor chambers are plastic chambers that nest together and have open bottoms and perforations on the side that let water go out. Mr. Vignaly said these chambers are designed and used to infiltrate water into the ground and it should be built according to DEP

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infiltration standards as VHB has stated. If they had used pipes, it only has to be above the groundwater; infiltrators infiltrate water into the ground, pipes don't. Mr. Quinn said DEP calls this application UDS (Underground Detention Structures). They contemplate that these chambers will be used for storage, not necessarily infiltration. Mr. Quinn said the stormwater is completely treated before it goes into the chamber. Mr. Vignaly said what they are doing is good, but testing results from New Jersey and other states don't agree that the separators provide the 80% removal that the manufacturer claims. The redevelopment part does not need to be treated, just the new pavement. If Mr. Quinn could provide a plan showing the pavement being taken out and the drainage calculations, VHB will review it. Mr. Vignaly said the only standard the board requires for the Stormwater Permit is that it has to meet DEP standards. Mr. Frieden would like to see a strategy for the next meeting. Mr. Quinn will work with VHB.

Sign Bylaw (draft Public Hearing Notice) – After final revisions and changes were made by the board, Ms. Carlson will prepare the hearing notice and the hearing will be held on April 13th at 8:00 p.m.

Review of Planning Board Annual Report – The Annual Report prepared by Mr. Olson was reviewed and approved by the members. It will be forwarded to Nancy Lucier for inclusion in the Town Report.

Discussion and Review of Planning Board Website – Karen Pare is updating the town's web pages. The members were asked to provide any changes/suggestions they would like incorporated (e.g., links, checklists, forms) at the next meeting.

New Business/Review of Correspondence/Emails Received:

1. Preliminary Subdivision Plan (Malden Brook Realty LLC) – Andrew Baum (Summit Engineering & Survey) presented the preliminary plan application. The property is located at the end of Westland Circle and the intent is to construct an eight lot subdivision. The application packet was satisfactorily reviewed and it will be on the April 13th Agenda.
2. Angell Brook Village – The members will meet with the residents at the development on Saturday, March 12th at 1PM for a visual inspection of their concerns in anticipation of final approval.

Emails received: (1) CMRPC Fiscal Year 17 District City and Town assessments; West Boylston is assessed at \$1,736.76. (2) CMMPO Annual Development of the 2017-2021 TIP Project Listing–The board should consider projects to be submitted. (3) CMRPC Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program–Mr. Olson will follow up and request a count be taken at the Triangle (Routes 12/110/140 north of the reservoir) and at the center of town (Routes 12/140 and Crescent Street).

Reports from Other Boards:

Mr. Vignaly said the Open Space Implementation Committee met. They will be attending the Community Preservation Committee meeting requesting funds for upcoming projects. He also mentioned that DCR is proceeding with acquiring a portion of property at 263 Maple Street and a

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donation of back land is going to be made to the town. It does not have to go to town meeting for acceptance; Conservation would make a recommendation to the Selectmen to acquire it.

The Goodale Park Master Plan has been finalized with an estimated final cost of \$22 million. Work on the Open Space and Rec plan with the CMRPC is proceeding well.

Mr. Rajeshkumar spoke with Bob Dunne (Parks Commission and Parks Facilities). Suggestions for placement of bicycle racks would be at the town common and Old Stone Church. The town would have to pay the cost up front but will be reimbursed. Mr. Rajeshkumar will contact Worcester to see how many are available and if there is a specific vendor to use.

Citizens' Comments – There were no citizens' comments tonight.

Review/Approve Payment of Invoices and Review Draft Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2016 – Invoices were approved. Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the February 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes; Mr. Rajeshkumar seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Rajeshkumar to adjourn; Mr. Olson seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Date Accepted: _____

By: _____
Christopher E. Olson, Clerk

Submitted by: _____
Melanie Rich