

Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2015
TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

TWPC members present: Mr. Gaumond, Ms. Meola, Mr. Olson, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Simmarano, Ms. Chanis, Mr. Owanisian, Ms. Bryant

TWPC members absent: Ms. Dunne, Ms. Bohnson

Mr. Gaumond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes of January 6, 2015 by Mr. Simmarano, seconded by Mr. Sanders. All in favor.

Motion to accept the FY14 Annual Report for TWPC by Mr. Owanisian, seconded by Ms. Chanis. All in favor.

Mr. Gaumond announced that the open space chapter has been sent to the Planning Board for their review and acceptance as voted by the TWPC. Mr. Olson reported that the Planning Board has been discussing that the Open Space and Recreation Plan needs to be updated soon and Mr. Vignaly asked if the Open Space Chapter should be delayed until that occurs. Mr. Gaumond responded that it was his opinion that there would be no problem in approving the update as presented and then approve a further update when the Open Space & Recreation Plan is adopted, which could be a year or so from now. Mr. Olson agreed to carry this suggestion to the next Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Gaumond reported that he has posted the Population & Housing chapter on the town's website as requested by TWPC. He also forwarded copies to the land use boards and the Board of Selectmen. He received one public comment from Mr. Gerald Espe regarding the possible use of Mixer to address housing needs of the Town. Mr. Gaumond responded by saying that the plan does not mandate that housing will be on the Mixer site but rather this site was identified as a POTENTIAL site in our housing production plan. Certainly lots of review and discussion would be needed in order to bring a housing project to fruition on this property and no such plans are currently underway. Mr. Owanisian asked whether or not the existing condition section appeared to contain opinions. Mr. Simmarano asked about the use of the landfill site. Mr. Gaumond responded that the Selectmen are working with the MLP on a possible solar project on the site if permission from the DEP is received.

Motion by Mr. Owanisian to accept the draft work and to submit the document to the Planning Board for their review and acceptance, seconded by Mr. Simmarano. All in favor.

The draft Land Use & Zoning Chapter has been received by the Town from Eric Smith of CMRPC. The chapter included the following sections with new data:

- Overview of Land Use Pattern
- Land Use Distribution Changes from 2005

- Current Parcel-Based Land Use
- Summary and Future Considerations
- Zoning District Analysis
- Land Use recommendations

There was also an executive summary. It was clear that this was significant work and very comprehensive. There was a discussion as to what the next step should be. After discussion there was a motion by Ms. Simmarano to request the Town Administrator send out the chapter via his blog and notify the public that the TWPC will be voting to approve this and recommend to the Planning Board at their next meeting. Seconded by Ms. Chanis. All in favor.

Mr. Gaumond was asked by Ms. Chanis to post the maps on the Town website as well. Mr. Gaumond said he would speak with Ms. Pare on this as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be April 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Meola to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bryant. All in favor at 7:55 p.m.

Leon A. Gaumond Jr., Town Administrator