

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for November 14th 2022

Minutes approved for October 10th, 2022

Members: Steve Abramson, Steve Lerner, Alan Harper, Jamie Egerton-Warbuton, Rik Kristiansson, Karen Sutton, Marlene Haresign, Rachel Verno

Guests: Councilman Rick Martel, Trustee President Scott Horowitz, Trustee Ann Welker, Chris Pickerell, Olivia Motch, Bob Macris, Nancy Miller, Robin Esterson, Jim Widener

General

-ZBA request for relief at the old Mini Cooper dealership in order to enclose open car port area.

-Planning does not ask for CAC referrals for pre-submission hearings. It is up to the CAC to look at the PB agendas and go online to view plans. This seems counter to the purpose of pre-submission hearings. Discussed members signing up for agendas so that they can stay current with projects that are going through the pre-submission process such as Liberty Iron and Tesla. No plans or notification were given to the CAC for these projects.

CHF Referendum

-Discussed when this program would start. There will be a committee to decide how and where the funds will be used. The town will have to come up with plans before money can be spent. For example BH might have apartments on the 2nd floor of businesses while Flanders may repurpose abandoned homes.

-Discussed Liberty Gardens proposal for 60 units on CR39. Concern about density at this location. Discussed inability for a cross access and the impact on CR39 which is zoned HB. Because of funding source, 50% of units will go to veterans instead of only local residents.

-Discussed project in BH for 16 low to moderate income 1BR rentals.

Dark Sky Lighting

- Concern about excessive lighting coming from automobile dealerships along CR39 and Rt27. While the town has guidelines for Dark Skies lighting, everyone agrees it is probably time to tighten up the code.
- Discussed process for filing a complaint on the Town's website.
- Code Enforcement will be looking at lighting violations in Water Mill in the upcoming weeks.
- There may be some new recommendations coming from the Dark Skies Committee.
- The CAC will continue to discuss lighting plans for new businesses as they come before the Planning Board.

Burden Property

- Deal closed.
- Public hearing for purchase of the adjacent property.
- Chris La Guardia working on new topographical survey and initial detailed plan.
- CAC would like to see the vista opened asap.

Traffic Pilot Program

- Too early to discuss results of blinking light program, data still being looked at.
- Discussed proposal for limiting left turns off of Rt27 on to Little Cobb heading west. All members agreed this did not make sense and the site lines at Cobb Road would be far more dangerous.
- Discussed Old Mill Road proposal and all members agreed that this is a complicated intersection that probably deserves some sort of traffic study.

Mill Pond

- Lily Pad harvesting has been approved by WQIP and TB for \$50,000. There were 3 different quotes ranging from \$10,000-\$65,000. Per Chris Pickerell, the target date is July/August. CAC needs to follow up with confirmation that this project is booked for July/August.
- Carp Solutions can not commit to another harvesting unless their travel expenses are covered. CPF can not cover travel expenses. Discussed how to address this issue.
- Dr. Bajer does not have an explanation as to why there was a low count this year. This is why it is necessary to conduct the fishery survey in conjunction with harvesting. It is also why the target date for this project is June and not October.

- Ann Welker will go before the WQIP in mid December to request funding for a fishery survey, Councilman Martel will ask if Steve A can attend that meeting. (Since our CAC, it has been confirmed that Steve A can attend).
- The goal is to get approval for a fishery survey that would be conducted in June in conjunction with harvesting.
- This issue of travel expenses will need to be addressed.
- Ann Welker indicated the need to get 3 quotes for the fishery survey, (one from a local bayman).
- Discussed the necessity for this project to be conducted in June.
- Discussed the floating wetlands. Material is being harvested. Dr. Gobler will send the harvested materials out for analysis.
- Discussion about potential high school project to replace plants in the spring time.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno