



Town of Bolton
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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2015
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission members present: Linda Baker (Chair) (via Skype), Steve Barner, Jim Bralich, Rodney Pingree and Deb Shelby

Planning Commission members absent: None

Also present: Emily Nosse-Leirer (CCRPC)

Clerk: Carol Devlin

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
3. Minutes ~ November 9, 2015 and November 19, 2015
4. Update on Municipal Planning Grant
5. CCRPC UPWP
6. Update on Community Engagement
7. Vision Statement
8. Goals for the Town Plan
9. Meeting Schedule
10. Other communications/mail
11. Adjournment

Call to Order

Linda Baker called the meeting to order at 6:03.

Agenda Item #1 ~ Public Comment

The floor was opened to public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item #2 ~ Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Carol Devlin explained that Deborah Bernagozzi is moving forward with planning a 2017 calendar fundraiser. The PC thought that this might be a good first project for the volunteer group that Deb Shelby is putting together from those who signed up at the fall forums.

Agenda Item #3 ~ Minutes November 9, 2015 and November 19, 2015 Meetings

Jim Bralich made a motion to accept the minutes of November 9, 2015. Deb Shelby seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-0). Steve Barner pointed out that since there wasn't a quorum of the PC at the November 19, 2015 meeting the PC could not vote on minutes.

Agenda Item #4 ~ Municipal Planning Grant

Carol Devlin announced that the Planning Commission received the Municipal Planning Grant. Carol, Sharon Murray and any PC members who are available will meet with Emily Nosse-Leirer and Regina Mahony from the CCRPC in January to discuss the MPG.

Agenda Item #5 ~ CCRPC UPWP

Carol Devlin announced that the PC's application for the CCRPC UPWP is due in late January 2016. The PC will have to apply to be on the UPWP (the RPC's annual work plan) in order to receive the RPC work that is part of the MPG. Carol will have a draft of the application for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #6 ~ Update on Community Engagement

- Carol Devlin has been working with Smilie 2nd through 4th graders on their vision for Bolton. The students are having four one-hour classes on town planning. They have four groups looking at business, recreation, Wheeler Field and wildlife. Each group will present a "plan" with goals and a to-do list to an adult panel.
- Plans are moving forward on the art contest. The Artists' Medium is sponsoring the contest and providing three gift cards for the first prizes. The PC will provide the second prizes.
- The forum for local businesses will be Tuesday, January 26 from 6-8 at Smilie.
- The Senior Forum will be Saturday, February 6 from 2-4 at Smilie.

Agenda Item #7 ~ Vision Statement

The Planning Commission discussed options for the Vision Statement for the Town Plan and selected a format. Carol Devlin, Deb Shelby, and Emily Nosse-Leirer will work on a draft to present at the next meeting.

Agenda Item #8 ~ Goals for the Town Plan

Deferred until the next meeting.

Agenda Item #9 ~ Meeting Schedule

- Planning Commission Meetings
 - Monday, January 11, 2016
 - Wednesday, January 20, 2016
 - Monday, February 8, 2016
 - Continue work on the vision statement and list of goals
- Local Businesses Forum: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 - 6-8 at Smilie
- Senior Forum: Saturday, February 6, 2016 - 2-4 at Smilie
- TOWN MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

Agenda Item #10 ~ Other communications/mail

Carol Devlin shared that the Select Board decided not to approve the petition to make Mountain View Dr., Bear Mountain Rd., and Fern Hollow Rd. town highways.

Agenda Item #11 ~ Adjournment

Deb Shelby moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jim Bralich seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Carol Devlin
Clerk, Planning Commission

These minutes are unofficial until accepted.

These minutes were read and accepted by a quorum of the Planning Commission on:

January 11, 2016



For the Planning Commission