Town of North Kingstown

Wickford Plan Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2019
Municipal Offices Court Room
100 Fairway Dr.
North Kingstown, RI 02852

5:30 Pm

Agenda

Call to Order

Minutes

February 21, 2019 Minutes
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Old Business

Update on "Limited Residential Parking Districts" ordinance (in cooperation with WEDAB)
Role/Future of the Wickford Plan Committee for 2019/2010 (pending Town Council reappointment)

New Business

Highlights of Amendments to Section 21-191 of the North Kingstown Zoning Ordinance (Wickford Village Design Guidelines Overlay District)

Reports

Public Comment

Adjournment

THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN WILL PROVIDE INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING AT ANY MEETING PROVIDED A REQUEST IS RECEIVED THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO SAID MEETING BY CALLING 294-3331, EXT. 120.
Wickford Plan Committee Agenda Item Report

Submitted by: Nicole LaFontaine
Submitting Department: Planning and Development/Zoning
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Motion:

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Wickford Plan Committee (WPC) Meeting February 21, 2019


Members Absent: P. Galster, M. Morin

Non-members S. Lacey

Meeting called to order: 5:30 PM

**Update on “Limited Residential Parking Districts” ordinance (in cooperation with WEDAB)**

L. Piedra reported that a working group consisting of a minority of WEDAB and WPC members met recently to discuss residential parking options along Elam Street and Main Street. She noted that WEDAB members were not in support of a revised Limited Residential Parking Districts ordinance, but that improvements to existing signs could ensure adequate allowances for residential parking. L. Piedra also noted that she drafted a survey for possible distribution to property owners throughout the project area that may be used to solicit opinions about the content of a subsequent parking study and residential parking ordinance.

The Committee encouraged the working group to meet once more to discuss other options available to encourage residential street parking. S. Lacey suggested that WPC and WEDAB reconvene to report back on the working group’s progress and to build a consensus on recommendations to be presented to the Town Council. J. Shapin inquired if a letter to the Town Council would be appropriate to report on the progress of the WPC efforts on residential parking. M. Suvari suggested that the WPC should reconvene with WEDAB to discuss its recommendations with them before any letters are sent to the Town Council from WPC independently.

L. Piedra presented a resolution entitled “Wickford Plan Committee Parking Resolution.” The Committee suggested that the details contained within the document be separated out, amended, and shared with WEDAB at the next joint meeting. S. Lacey requested that L. Piedra send the revised resolution to him in a timely manner to distribute to WPC and WEDAB in advance of the next joint meeting.

A motion was made by E. Cooney, seconded by M. Suvari, to share the revised resolution with WEDAB for review at the next joint meeting between WPC and WEDAB. The motion carried 7-0-1 with C. Gibson abstaining.

**Role of the Wickford Plan Committee for 2019/2020 (pending Town Council reappointment)**

The Committee expressed concerns about the future existence of WPC and WEDAB. J. Ehrhardt noted that the Committee’s on-going work pertaining to limited residential parking provides a basis for the Town Council to reappoint the WPC. The Committee noted that it once had a business community presence amongst its membership and that it should be open to welcoming such a presence once more. E. Cooney volunteered to contact the Town Council President to discuss the future of the Committee.
**Status of Town Hall, 80 Boston Neck Road**

The Committee discussed the $13.7 million bond approved by the voters last year. J. Chirnside noted that it was her understanding that $5 million would be allocated for the rehabilitation of the Town Hall. E. Cooney noted that the language of the bond was written to appear flexible to address building maintenance town-wide. C. Gibson expressed her support in rehabilitating the Town Hall for the purpose of housing town offices. The Committee discussed whether it was appropriate to take a position on the manner in which the bond money should be allocated. S. Lacey noted that it is premature to take such a position, in that the Town Council is still listening to the public’s comments and concerns. The Committee agreed to continue this discussion at a later meeting.

**Report(s) from Planning Department staff**

S. Lacey confirmed his resignation from the town effective March 8. He thanked the Committee for its cooperation and support during his tenure and wished the Committee members future success in all aspects of life.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.
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