

Town of Guilford
Planning Commission Meeting Agenda and Notes

20 August 2014 from 7 - 8:30 pm

Commission Members:

Tanya Balsley*, Chuck Clark*, Harry Evans*, Michelle Frehsee*, Jackie Gaines, Hal Kuhns, Andy Loughney*, Herb Meyer*, Sheila Morse* (*present)

The meeting was held in the Town Offices.

Call to order 7:02 pm

Recognition of Public Susan James, Conservation Commission; Bill Jewel, Conservation Commission -- present to review Natural Resources section with the Planning Commission.

New Business

1. Jeff Nugent of WRC has invited Guilford to participate in the Forest Stewardship Outreach, which includes access to the State's database. (This is important to the Planning Commission's work with the Conservation Commission.) Background: WRC received funding for a Forest Stewardship project, one component of which is to reach out to provide planning support for forest stewardship programs. Guilford is being chosen to explore with the WRC its forestry-related issues, what threats are seen, and what goals and actions the Town could take to counter the potential threats. In addition to working on forest stewardship we could also work with the WRC on our trails. There is a possibility of a public walking trail that highlights forest management techniques on the New England forestry Foundation parcel at the edge of Guilford Center, across the road from a town-owned parcel where a small park is proposed, less than 500 feet from the Broad Brook Grange.
2. Michelle moved that we accept WRC's offer to participate on the forest stewardship project. Andy and Herb seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda: Commission members will continue their review of the Goals, Vision, and Action sections drafted for 2015 - 2020 Town Plan.

1. There was an extensive, productive discussion of the Natural Resources section drafted by the Conservation Commission focusing on clarifying and tightening the Vision, Goals, Discussion, and Actions sections of many of the many different resource topics under consideration. Bill, Susan, Tanya, and Sheila will work further on this section. (Linda Hecker and Linda Lembke will also be able to contribute.)
2. Bill Jewel referred to the material he sent to the PC regarding ENERGY which Michelle will send Sheila.
3. Harry submitted a section on the impact of Interstate 91 on Guilford's economy, which Sheila will integrate into the History section.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting Tanya moved to accept minutes of this meeting; Herb seconded; minutes were unanimously approved.

Adjournment 8:25

Reminders:

Next working meeting Wednesday, September 3 at 7 pm in the Town Office

Next regularly scheduled public meeting, Wednesday, September 17 at 7 pm in the Town Office