



MEETING MINUTES

Town of West Warwick Planning Board

Meeting Date: Monday, March 5, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: West Warwick Town Hall
Town Council Chambers
1170 Main Street
West Warwick, RI 02893

Members Present: Joseph DiMartino, Chair
Anthony Petrarca

Members Absent: Felix Appolonia, Vice Chair
Joe Gardosik
Wayne Miller

Alternate Members Present:
Joshua Barrette

Planning Staff: Mark Carruolo, Town Planner
Elaine Mansour, CDBG Manager

Legal Counsel: Albert DiFiore, Esquire

Town Manager: Ernest Zmyslinski

All witnesses sworn in by legal counsel.

Item 1 **Approval of Minutes**

Review and approval of December 4, 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the December 4, 2017 minutes by Mr. Petrarca, seconded by Mr. Barrette. All in favor.

Item 2
PUBLIC HEARING/NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP
PRESENTING THE RESULTS OF A STUDY OF THE POTENTIAL FOR A TOWN
WIDE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The purpose of the public hearing/workshop is to present the result of a study of a potential town wide storm-water management district. The public hearing/neighborhood workshop will include a presentation by the Town's consulting engineer, ESS Group. ESS Group will provide an overview of the need for a town wide district, priority infrastructure improvements, anticipated operational costs, and a proposed administrative approach.

The public hearing/neighborhood workshop will focus on the following priority neighborhood projects/areas of need:

1. Newlight Street and Phenix Avenue (North) drainage improvements.
2. Sunrise Avenue and Maple Avenue culvert improvement.
3. Judy Terrace, Cochran Street and Jacques Street drainage Improvements.
4. Cochran Street Culvert improvement.
5. Pennsylvania Avenue bio-retention basin drainage improvement.
6. Juniper Drive bio-retention basin drainage improvement.

Planning Department Findings

The Town of West Warwick was awarded New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) grant funds to perform a feasibility study regarding the establishing of a Town wide storm-water management district. One of the required tasks contained in the grant is public involvement. Public involvement is defined as public/neighborhood workshop(s) providing a presentation and overview of the proposed administrative approach to establishing a storm-water management district and a presentation of proposed neighborhood infrastructure projects. The purpose of the workshop(s) is to gather public input for consideration prior to producing a final report and proposal for consideration by the Town Council.

This public/neighborhood workshop is intended for information purposes only; there is no formal action required by the Planning Board.

Discussion

Jason Gold, Civil Engineer, with ESS Group gave the board an overview of work done since 2014. There has been public involvement regarding the development of a Stormwater Utility. Conceptual work of six areas in Town has been reviewed. Stormwater Utility is a sustainable source and would be a dedicated account within the Town budget. The cost is approximately \$55.00 per household. Mr. Gold proceeded to give the Board a powerpoint presentation developed by the ESS Group which lays out the concept for a stormwater utility district.

Mr. Steve Izzi, owner of a mill on Brayton Street spoke regarding his issues with stormwater

runoff and was interested to see if this would help him in any way. He was surprised his property was not on the list of the areas being considered.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by Mr. Petrarca, seconded by Mr. Barrette. All in favor.

This will be forwarded to the Town Council for consideration and it is their decision whether to implement or not.

Item 3
Public Comment

None.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm by Mr. Barrette, seconded by Mr. Petrarca. All in favor.