

HARWINTON PLANNING COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019

TOWN HALL 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Michael Orefice, Paul Roche, Alternate Member Roland Perreault, Alternate Member Debra Freidus and Land Use Coordinator Polly Redmond

Absent: Lee Hall, William Starr, Jon Truskauskas and Alternate Member Michael Rewenko

1. OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.

Chairman M. Orefice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All regular members present are seated with Alternate Member R. Perreault seated for W. Starr and Alternate D. Freidus seated for J. Truskauskas.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 5/8/19 AND 5/22/19

Minutes of 5/8/19 are tabled to the next meeting due to absence of a voting quorum.

P. Roche **motioned** to approve the minutes of 5/22/19, seconded by R. Perreault. Motion passed unanimously.

3. WORKSHOP – REVIEW AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL UPDATES TO 2010 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

R. Perreault provides updated graphs he has worked on through information he obtained from Partnership for Strong Communities (www.psychousing.org) and graphs they provide on their website. Discussion on inserting these graphs directly into the 2020 POCD with notation of the Source as PSC could be done. LUC Redmond will contact PSC to find out if this is permitted. R. Perreault points out that the graphs he is distributing to Commissioners tonight are actually in color from the PSC site and will be so in the revised Harwinton POCD. Graphs distributed include: Harwinton Population Projections, Harwinton Population by Decade, Harwinton Population Density, Harwinton Education Attainment and Regional School District 10 Student Enrollment Trends (R. Perreault will get the source for the Region 10 Enrollment Trends information.) He notes that Region 10 Student Enrollment Trends doesn't separate information on the number of students from Harwinton and the number of students from Burlington. R. Perreault notes that some graphs within the 2010 Plan may not be worth keeping and that should be discussed among Commissioners.

Alice Freiler, Director, Harwinton Public Library, is present stating that the Library is at the end of their planning stage also and are preparing for revisions. P. Roche asks Alice to have the Library Board look at the paragraph in the 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development on Future Plans for the Library on page 73 and update any information as they wish.

P. Roche asks LUC Redmond to reach out to the Fire Departments, the Ambulance, the Board of Education, the Harwinton Housing Authority, the Town Highway Department, the Land Trust, Historic District Commission, Agricultural Committee, WPCA, the Animal Control Officer and Recreation Department to ask them to update the sections within the POCD that pertain to them. At the request of P. Roche, LUC Redmond will get information on the most recent Litchfield Transportation Plan and provide it to Commissioners.

Alice Freiler questions whether Region 10 has any information on the number of children in Harwinton that are home schooled. R. Perreault states that he doesn't recall seeing information on home schooled children or the statistics on children attending private schools.

P. Roche notes that one thing he's noticed in looking at other town's Plans is that their font sizes are bigger which he believes makes it more attractive. He points out that other towns pick out major issues and concentrate on that in their Plans. He adds that the information in our POCD on pages 51-90 may be old and useless information that perhaps some of which can be deleted. He suggests that the Planning Commission hold public informational meetings (State Statute 8-23(c) permits this) to inform residents about the process of preparing the plan and to offer them an opportunity to make comments. *These informational meetings will not be considered public hearings and therefore will not start the clock on notification requirements.

P. Roche refers to the Affordable Housing section on page 79 of the POCD and asks LUC Redmond to contact the town attorney to ask if the law on Affordable Housing has changed from what is in the 2010 POCD. P. Roche also notes that the paragraph regarding the east-west connection of roads on page 66 should be deleted.

4. OLD BUSINESS.

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS.

None.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

8. INVOICES.

None.

9. ADJOURN.

P. Roche **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by D. Freidus. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Polly Redmond
Land Use Coordinator

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