

LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH Chairwoman **TERRY MARTINO**Executive Director

Draft Minutes
Park Policy & Planning Committee
August 2015 Agency Meeting

MINUTES OF THE PARK POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING August 13, 2015

The Committee meeting convened at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Park Policy and Planning Committee Members Present

Sherman Craig, Richard Booth, William Thomas, Bradley Austin.

Other Members and Designees Present

Karen Feldman, Arthur Lussi, Daniel Wilt, Robert Stegemann, Lani Ulrich.

Local Government Review Board

Fred Monroe.

Agency Staff Present

Terry Martino, James Townsend, Matthew Kendall, Kathy Regan.

Town of Westport Map Amendment – MA 2014-04 (Matt Kendall)

The Agency received an application from a landowner for a Map Amendment in the Town of Westport. The request was to reclassify approximately 12.3 acres from Resource Management to Moderate Intensity or Hamlet contingent upon connecting to the municipal sewer system for the Town. Mr. Kendall explained the history of the Agency working with the Town to look for potential map amendment areas and determined that the soils around potential grown areas are not suitable for septic systems. Mr. Kendall explained the Town has undertaken a planning process which located suitable Hamlet expansion areas and published a Hamlet expansion plan in 2012 that identified this map amendment area.

Mr. Kendall provided an overview of the facts presented in the FSEIS and explained staff's recommended preferred alternative. Mr. Kendall explained that staff is recommending the board not take action on the map amendment, but rather accept the FSEIS with the preferred alternative, approve the SEQR finding statement and approve a resolution that explained the Board will take final action after the area is served by sewer.

Mr. Craig asked about the two-year limit and whether it was necessary giving costs associated with expanding infrastructure. Mr. Kendall explained that the resolution included a two-year timeframe for finalizing this map amendment to help ensure that the SEQR process that the Agency completed was adequate. He said if the process was left open-ended, facts may

change which may require a new SEQR review process. Mr. Kendall explained that if two years did not provide enough time, staff could bring the matter back to the board to allow more time.

Mr. Townsend stated that the Agency was not requiring the physical infrastructure to be in place within two years, only that the sewer district be expanded.

For Action: Acceptance of FSEIS.

Motion was made by William Thomas to accept the FSEIS and move it to the Full Agency. The motion was seconded by Richard Booth. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Sherman Craig to accept the Draft Resolution and move it to the Full Agency. The motion was seconded by Bill Thomas.

Mr. Booth asked if precedent was being set by accepting the above items. Mr. Townsend responded that future proposals will be reviewed individually.

All were in favor of moving the Draft Resolution to the Full Agency for approval.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.