

Ad Hoc Walsh Property Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes January 29, 2025.

Members present: Jeff Fischer Chair, Morgan Clark Vice Chair, Breon Dunigan Clerk, Todd Schwebel, Lisbeth Chapman, Alternate members Anne Greenbaum and Jon Winder

Meeting called to Order at 11:30 am

Minutes of 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 and 1/15 approved

Update on Communications: Changes have been made to combine two Walsh Committee Web Pages

No Decisions on use of Web Tools to share information

Jeff communicating the need for an infrastructure update from Town Manager and Town Planner.

Anne expressed her concern regarding communication with abutters. It was suggested that our committee hold off communicating directly with abutters until the Zoning Task Force makes their presentation.

Discussion of meeting dates and times;

Morgan presented a carefully researched calendar of dates. Proposed were 2nd Mondays 4-6pm, 4th or last Thursdays 12-1:30 pm The calendar was approved with one change. Thursday meeting will be 12:30-2

Review of write up for Town Annual Report and Quarterly Presentation to the Selectboard.

Jeff presented a preliminary write up on the activities of the AHWPAC to be included in the Town Annual Report. There was much discussion and many suggestions.

Given that there is often a lot of jargon used in discussing planning and zoning, it was suggested that we try to make the Reports as clear as possible to an average citizen.

More integration between the two reports was suggested. Giving an idea of timing was suggested. Anne emphasized that we should not "be passive" in our language. Elizabeth offered to take a "stab" at organizing the text with those suggestions in mind.

Presentation to Selectboard scheduled for 2/11. In reviewing the proposed presentation to the Selectboard, the committee had several suggestions of points to emphasize, particularly in the category of communication. A need to have more communication and feedback from the town was reiterated. The need for a consultant should be included. Guidance on requesting funding should be asked for.

We agreed to post a meeting of our committee along with Select Board as a quorum would likely be present.

ZTF Preliminary Draft Zoning Discussion Points for February 3 meeting:

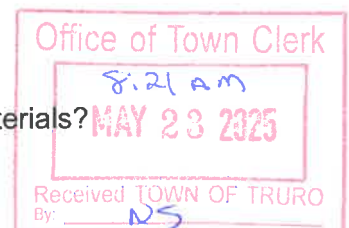
It was agreed that we should ask that the ZTF not be as restrictive as our charge's recommendations. It was agreed that we want the new zoning district to specifically allow condos. They are currently not allowed in our existing zoning.

Discussion of Approach for Developing Housing Plan:

Working within the Former Walsh committee's recommendations.

Is there a possibility that any housing can get started sooner?

Are there restrictions that we should be aware of in terms of design or materials?



Next Meeting: Select board outline. Housing Brainstorming! Adjourned 1:25 pm

