

# TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD PLANNING BOARD

## MINUTES

August 25, 2022

### Regular Meeting

The August 25, 2022 regular meeting of the West Milford Planning Board held in the Township Main meeting Room was opened by Chairman Christopher Garcia at 7:05 p.m., with a reading of the Legal Notice, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Steven Castronova, Linda Connolly, Ada Erik, Daniel Kochakji, Robert Nolan, James Rogers, Geoffrey Syme, Chairman Christopher Garcia,, Alt. #1 Michael DeJohn, Alt. #2 JoAnn Blom, **Also Present:** Alison Kopsco, Secretary Pamela Jordan

**Absent:** Mayor Dale, Board Attorney Thomas J. Germinario, Board Engineer Paul W. Ferriero, Board Planner Jessica Caldwell Michael DeJohn (Alt I) sitting in for absent Board member Mayor Dale

#### I. PUBLIC PORTION

The public portion was opened by Chairman Garcia. With no members of the public wishing to address the Board, the public portion was **closed** with a **motion** by Steven Castronova, with a **second** by Ada Erik.  
**All in favor**

#### II. APPLICATIONS – NONE

#### III. NEW OR ON GOING BUSINESS

#### IV. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- NO REPORT

#### V. MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE-

Chairman Garcia stated the committee met this evening and will continue to meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

Judy Thornton from the Highland Council joined the committee at their meeting two weeks prior. Ms. Thornton went over (provided) information pertaining to the Greenway project and the scope of work for the Master Plan update. Ms. Thornton shared there were additional funds available for the planning aspect on an ongoing basis - free of deadlines. Funds for the Greenway would be separate from what is available for the Master Plan update.

The initiative for the Greenway project is to interconnect the open space properties with the biking and hiking trails with specific priority to the center of town a/k/a page 64 of the tax map. The committee would like to approach the governing body for support to form a task force comprised of motivated individuals to make the best use of space. The project will be a phased, holistic approach.

#### VI. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION GREENWAY SUBCOMMITTEE

Chairman Garcia stated they have done a good deal of mapping parcels and environmental hazards of mainly publicly owned properties. The route the committee discussed followed “the river toward Camp Hope and continuing”.

Chairman Garcia stated the committee needed resource people such as the County Commissioners.

The Board discussed who would be qualified to write grants for the available funds. There may be funding available to have The Planner write the grants or someone may need to be hired.

There is an open space fund. The money in the kitty cannot be touched, the money is for acquisition only.

VII. **BOARD PLANNER'S REPORT**

There is a lot of behind the scene work being done for the Master Plan.

VIII. **BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

IX. **BOARD ENGINEER'S REPORT**

X. **MISCELLANIOUS**

**Approval of Professional Invoices**

A motion was made by **Steven Castronova** to approve professional invoices and second by **Ada Erik**.  
**All in favor**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by **Steve Castronova** to approve July 7, 2022 meeting minutes and second by James Rogers.  
**All in favor**

September 1, 2022 meeting will be cancelled.

The Master Plan Committee will meet September 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chairman Garcia hopes to be on the Agenda for Council by September 8<sup>th</sup>.

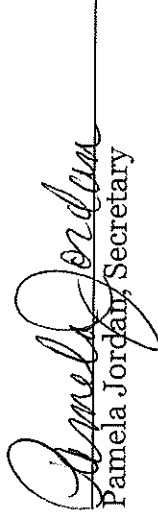
The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022

Approved: August 25, 2022

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other matters to come before the Planning Board, Chairman Garcia **adjourned** the meeting at 7:25 PM with a **motion** by Geoffrey Syme and **second** by Robert Nolan.

Respectfully submitted by

  
Pamela Jordan, Secretary

Approved September 22, 2022