

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON

Planning Board Minutes

June 14, 2022

Present: Board members; Pat Coffey, Susan Bronstein, Jen Milikowsky

Guests: John Zimmerman (not yet sworn in), Kristin DeBoer and Elizabeth Wroblicka, Kestrel Trust

1. Meeting called to order on Zoom at 6:34 PM
2. Re-organization of the Planning Board was postponed to a later date when all Planning Board members are present
3. May minutes were not reviewed as there was not a representative quorum from the May meeting to vote; these minutes will be voted on at a later meeting.
4. There was no timely correspondence for review.
5. Kristen DeBoer, Executive Director of the Kestrel Land Trust and Elizabeth Wroblicka presented the information regarding the Westhampton's Right of First Refusal for the 125 acres of property on Reservoir Road being released from Chapter 61 and Kestrel's interest in the land. Kestrel consider this property priority conservation land which includes a significant number of potential house lots. A Public Hearing will be held by the Selectboard on July 5 to discuss the transfer of this property to the Kestrel Land Trust. The Planning Board has already submitted a letter of support for this action.
6. The proposal regarding publication fees for public hearings and the easiest way for the application and postings to be dealt with most efficiently was discussed. No vote was taken on this issue.
7. The Bylaw Review Committee is reportedly close to completing its task. A recent meeting in Doug's office with Pat, John Shaw, Scott Johndrow and Susan was held to review Doug's suggestions, particularly regarding policy referred to from Chapter 40, which currently is inconsistent with existing bylaws. This is to be addressed.

The Committee recently received information regarding gravel pits and solar installs which will also be considered.
8. We agreed to discuss meeting in person at the next Planning Board meeting.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bronstein