

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018
AT THE JESSE SMITH LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., Jeffrey Partington, Chairman, presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Partington, Bruce Ferreira, Michael Lupis, Mark Tremblay, Robert Woods and Christopher Desjardins.

Members Absent: Jeffrey Presbrey, Leo Felice and Dov Pick.

Others Present: Jeff Davis, and Krista Moravec, of Horsley Witten Group, Town Councilmen Jeremy Bailey and John Scott, Ray Goff, Planning Director and Christine Langlois, Deputy Planner

Members of the Public: Dennis Anderson, Budget Board member.

II. ATTENDANCE REVIEW:

Mr. Partington acknowledged that Mr. Presbrey, Mr. Felice and Mr. Pick were all excused.

IV. GROUP TOPIC DISCUSSIONS: Mr. Davis began by outlining recommend changes from the January 22, 2018 workshop in regards to the proposed new Energy chapter and the language dealing with Natural Hazards and Climate Trends (retitled from "Climate Change"). He noted that both the Natural Hazards and Climate Trends language would be incorporated into the Natural & Cultural Resources chapter. He then proceeded to review the changes to the Energy chapter. Several suggestions were made by the Planning Board members to include other elements:

- *Consider expanding solar to more zoning districts;*
- *Include an action to consider wind;*
- *Include language to consider hydro;*
- *Recognition of the presence of Spectra Energy (formerly the Algonquin compression station and gas line).*

The Board discussed the proposed language in the Energy chapter dealing with future power plant proposals and requested the language be modified to make a stronger point in opposition of such a proposal. It was suggested that on page 3 within the first paragraph, the language should be revised from "Burrillville believes that the negative impacts . . ." to language with a stronger tone of opposition to these types of development. Mr. Davis noted that new language dealing with opposition to future power plants has also been provided under the Goals, Policies and Implementation (*Goal 4, Policy 4.a, and Implementation Actions 4.a.1 and 4.a.2.*) He added that another means of preventing such developments would be to develop a Conservation Overlay zone, similar to the other overlay zones, for the preservation of sensitive areas. He passed around a draft copy of a proposed overlay zone for the far western portion of the Town for the Board to review, which comprises most of Burrillville's open space conservation areas.

III. MOVED TO OPEN HOUSE FORUM:

The Board then went into the Open House Forum where the Board members, as well as members from the public, reviewed the poster boards, prepared by the consultants, that contained the proposed Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions for Chapter IV - School Facilities and Chapter V - Housing & Affordable Housing Strategy and School Facilities, marking each statement as to whether they agreed with the statement, questioned the statement or whether the statement should be deleted as it may have already been addressed. Comments were also offered on separate sheets to be considered for incorporation into the Comp plan by the Board with later reviews.

Having nothing further, *the workshop was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.*

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