

West Stockbridge Planning Board
Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2024
Hybrid Meeting (Zoom and In Person)

Planning Board (PB) members present: Dana Bixby, Ryan Beattie, and Chris Tonini

Others present via Zoom: Sue Coxon (PB member), Bob Powell, Jim Bruenn, Denise Gustafson

Others present (in person): Mike Parsons, Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates

The chair opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The chair noted that the approval of prior minutes would need to roll over to the next meeting.

The chair reported that Sue Coxon will be stepping down from the PB after Town Meeting. The chair thanked Sue for her service.

Form A - J. Scott Jenny and Michelle Laramee-Jenny

Mike Parsons of Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates presented a plan for a 0.245-acre parcel of land owned by the Bennetts of 16 Austerlitz Rd. to be conveyed to their neighbors, the Jennys, who are building a new home.

Motion to accept Form A as presented (1st: Chris, 2nd: Ryan; Roll call vote: Sue, yes; Ryan, yes; Chris, yes; Dana, yes.) Motion carried 4-0.

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)

The chair reported that CJ Hoss of Berkshire Regional Planning Committee (BPRC) informed her that the OSRP was approved by the subcommittee and that it was ready to go to the state for review. CJ said that select boards and planning boards typically review and endorse the plan after the state reviews it. The chair requested that the PB have an opportunity to review the plan *before* it goes to the state. The chair suggested that the PB members look it over, and she reminded them that an approved OSRP opens up opportunities for grant funding for the town.

Zoning Changes

The PB continued discussions about accessory dwelling unit (ADU) regulations.

Other

The chair reported that because of her professional workload that she no longer has the time to represent the PB at Complete Streets Advisory Committee meetings and asked the other PB members to consider becoming the representative. She also reminded the members that she resigned from her role as PB delegate to BRPC because of possible conflicts of interest due to her owning an architecture firm in the county. She noted that BRPC needs a new delegate from the PB.

The next PB meeting is scheduled for 3/18, at which the PB aims to discuss the short-term rental (STR) regulations draft.

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol McKenna
on 3/9/24, on behalf of Ryan Beattie, Clerk