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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 29, 2012 ▪ Special Meeting
Town Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: V. Ward, K. Holt, A. Marcellino, K. Rawn (5:00 pm)
Others present: L. Painter, Director of Planning and Development;

Call to Order

Ward called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

10-3-12, 10-24-12 and 11-8-12: No action was taken on the minutes.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

UConn Water Supply EIE

Painter distributed the proposed water pipeline routes for each of the interconnection alternatives and provided an overview of various land use and wetland considerations for each. During the discussion, Meg Reich arrived. Due to her knowledge and experience with the Willimantic River Alliance, members asked her for input regarding the Willimantic River crossing alternatives identified in the CWC option. Ms. Reich did disclose her membership on both the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee and the Willimantic River Alliance Board and indicated that she was not representing either organization but was speaking as a resident of the town.

After discussion, the members present reached consensus that the following comments should be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for discussion at their December 3, 2012 meeting:

- Connecticut Water Company Interconnection – If the Connecticut Water Company was chosen as the preferred alternative, the following recommendations would apply:
 - Preferred Pipeline Route. The Baxter Road route was preferred over Route 195 in Mansfield and the pedestrian bridge was the preferred method of crossing the Willimantic River. This option was also seen as having a side benefit of providing water to the Goodwin Elementary School, eliminating the need for wells.
 - Water Tank Location. Based on the options described in the report, the Committee preferred the location on University property
- Metropolitan District Commission Interconnection –The Committee felt it important to note that this was the least appealing option due to the distance involved, the environmental impacts involved with transferring water from one region of the state to another and the potential for secondary growth along the pipeline corridors. As such, they would discourage selection of this option. If the MDC option were to be selected, the Committee felt that the Interstate 84 routing option would be preferable in that the potential for secondary impacts would be less than the Interstate 384/Route 44 option.
- Windham Water Works Interconnection – If Windham Water Works was chosen as the preferred alternative, the following recommendations would apply:

- Preferred Pipeline Route. The Clover Mill Road/Maple Road route was preferred over the Route 195 and Chaffeeville Road alternatives. This option was identified as having the least potential impact on historic resources (Mansfield Center) and fewer environmental impacts than the Chaffeeville Road alternative. This route was also seen as having a side benefit of providing public water to the Mansfield Middle School, eliminating the need for wells.
- Water Tank Location. Based on the options described in the report and the recommendation that the Clover Mill Road route be used, the Committee identified Schoolhouse Brook Park as the preferred location for a water tank.

Painter will prepare a draft letter for the Commission based on these comments for discussion at the December 3, 2012 meeting. She reminded the members that they will have to brief the Commission and work with Jessie Shea to make any changes to the letter since she will be in D.C. at a mandatory HUD conference.

Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items

Painter will work on scheduling the next meeting. Ward reminded everyone of the upcoming field trip and asked that the next meeting not conflict. The agenda for that meeting will be based on the recommendations from the November 8, 2012 meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Painter, AICP