

Worthington Planning Board working Meeting:
Jan 6, 2025

In Attendance:

Bart Niswonger
Anna Maunz
Nestor Mathews
Kate Baylock
Kathy Ford
Ben Brown

Ben Brown Presenting on Scenic Road Bylaws:

Ben is advising having more options as the Tree Warden to "carve out a roadway for routine maintenance for the trees in town".

Section XII Scenic Roads in the General Bylaws

Discussion about creating an intermediate step in the bylaw to create checks and balance check for the Tree Warden.

There may be a role for the Shade Tree Committee to also gauge input.

Potential: "Exemptions can be made at the purview of the Planning Board, Shade tree Committee and the Tree Warden as agreed upon."

Discussion about looking at other Town's bylaws and how they deal with a whole town of scenic bylaws - and one stipend Tree Warden

ADU Discussion about Mass General Law:

- Conversation: People can apply for a special permit if they want to be able achieve the 900 square feet. this would be an "unprotected ADU"
- Question about "Protected Use ADU"
- Site Plan Review has to be more specific if we are going to go through the site plan review process.
- Questions for State about existing ADUs.
- Kathy discusses: "design review board" as part of other town boards.
- Annual form for data collection

OSRP Review:

- Once/ year review process
- Planning Board will write letter of approval after the second round of review.

To Do's:

- Nestor create a list for feedback to state for ADU bylaw: We will all Review
- Kate Baylock will look at language from other towns about Scenic Bylaws
- Nestor will write a paragraph to link our current ADU bylaws on the town website to the state law.

Short Term Goals:

- Create list of Planning Board's goals for Town Meeting of Summer 2025.
- Does the Planning Board want to apply for PVPC funding next year: **NO.**

Long Term Planning Board Goals:

- MAPS for Town
- Language for Ben Brown on how to shift our bylaws to help him better able to do his job.
- Nestor going to contact the historical society about current town green vs historical context.
- Creating a Master Plan for the visualization of the Town.
- looking into Grant Opportunities to help facilitate a master plan
- **OSRPS To Dos:**
- Revise Water Supply protection bylaw to extend protections
- Expand Westfield River Overlay District to include steep slopes to the east and west of the river
- Target areas for connecting open spaces (part of Master Plan)
- Adopt best management practices for minimizing stormwater runoff in order to prevent erosion (2027).
- Explore demolition delay bylaw for Historic Properties
- Explore zoning changes that protect ridge lines and open agricultural lands that are important for scenic value.

Important Dates:

January 27 @ 6:30 p.m.: Next Planning Board Meeting

Signatures:

BN
Justin Math
Karl Brown
J. H.

Worthington Planning Board Meeting:
October 28, 2024

In Attendance:

Bart Niswonger
Anna Maunz
Nestor Mathews
Kathy Ford
Kate Baylock

Mapping Exercise: Scheduling discussion with Than Robinson for November. Discussion.

- Nestor will reach out to JP Welch about mapping dirt roads.

All Boards Meeting: Question of Short Term Rentals- No one expressed interest in regulation

State Law for ADUs: Discussion about changing bylaws to make them in accordance with State Law. Question to Legal Counsel about the Deed of Covenants being void now with state law.

Discussion about Site Plan Review process:

- Legal counsel?
- Kathy to look at Westhampton's bylaws.

OSRP meeting tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. The Planning Board has to approve the plan.

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Worthington Planning Board working Meeting:
Dec 2, 2024

In Attendance:

Bart Niswonger
Anna Maunz
Nestor Mathews
Kate Bavlock
Nathaniel Robinson

Mapping Exercise

Nathaniel presents updated maps on possible parcel subdivisions to present to the town.

Maps Wanted:

- Existing map
- Developed/ Undeveloped
- Divisible lots
- 250 sq. feet everywhere
- 250 sq. Feet on paved roads

Goal: to have maps to present for Town Meeting 2025 - with potential for a post discussion after.

Kate and Nestor Present State ADU Meeting.

- If anyone applies for an ADU between now and when the state law comes into effect we may need to check in with Town Council.
- People can apply for a special permit if they want to be able achieve the 900 square feet.

To Do's:

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Important Dates:

Thursday Dec 5th 10 am : signing meeting
January 6 @ 6:30 p.m.: Next Planning Board Meeting

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