

Worthington Planning Board working Meeting:
June 23, 2025

In Attendance:

Bart Niswonger
Anna Maunz
Kate Bavelock
Kathy Ford
Nestor Matthews

Agenda

- Discussion of presentation at Town Meeting
 - Conversation was that the Planning Board still has a mandate to keep exploring options
 - Idea for a Fall Meeting- gather more information about what it would mean to put a rough plan together- exploring options with PVPC to help find:
 - Consultants
 - Funding sources
 - use PVPC as pre-planning source/ pre-funding source?
 - Conversation with Selectboard about the proposed pieces we should center on
 - Utilization of Conway School
 - Berkshire Design Group
 - Conversation with Williamsburg, Steve Smith: conversation with their process in moving forward
 - Possibility of Design first/ funding second
- First Steps: Conversation with Williamsburg then Contacting PVPC
- Visual Blown up plan from here to the corners- landscape architect
- Scope/ cost/ timeline
- Funding for PVPC needs to be in by January 1st
- Base Plan of existing conditions of the village center
- Zoning tool: state funding encouraging small businesses?: “Enterprise Zone”:
“Micro Enterprise Zone?”
- Combatting the “Epidemic of loneliness”
- Creating clear largergoals as the Planning Board of what we are hoping to do by creating a Village Center map, creating a larger goal.
- **Discussion of Safe Routes to School and other walkability grants**
 - Gretchen is keeping grants management in mind with her hiring process for next year.
- **OSRP Endorsement Letter**
 - DONE

- **Outdoor Recreation Inventory discussion**

- discuss with the recreation committee

- **Other business**

- Nestor going to PVPC meeting - presents about Town Insurance: InnSure
- Gospel Church on Thayer Hill Road- came up at the Selectboard meeting: Religious Use comes under different jurisdiction: Dover Amendment

- **ADU Regulations Update and discussion:**

- Nestor presents questions that he's working on for the ADU blurb for the website
- Question about allowing building inspector to enforce current ADUs

- **Approval of past minutes**

To Dos:

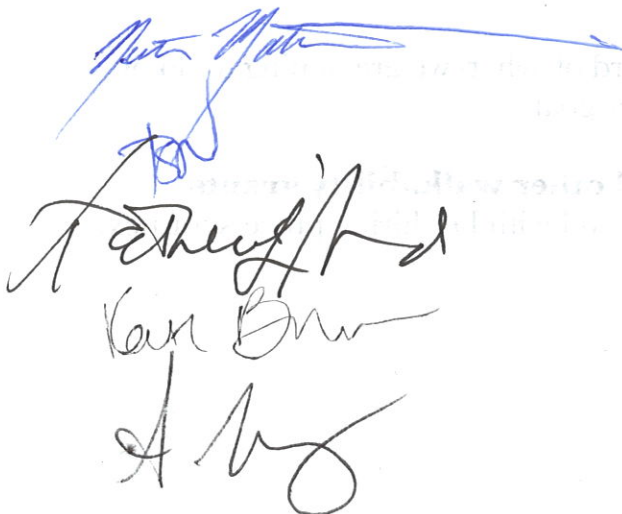
- Bart Conversation with Williamsburg
- Kathy Conversation with Berkshire Design Group
- Kathy to speak with Wayne from Northampton
- Kathy to speak with Dave about DHCD: Starter Home Zoning
 - How would septic work
 - Flexible Development?
 - Co-Housing opportunities
- Nestor to look at other current plans
- Looking at PVPC Website

Long Term Planning Board Goals:

- Bart Conversation with Williamsburg about their Master Plan process
- Creating a Master Plan for the visualization of the Town.
- looking into Grant Opportunities to help facilitate a master plan
- Protection of Water Source
- **OSRPS To Dos:** See Past Minutes

Important Dates:

July 28th @ 6:30 p.m.: Next Planning Board Meeting

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