

WASHINGTON PLANNING BOARD
Town Center Vision Subcommittee – Working Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2021

Members Present: Jim Crandall, Ron Jager, Kevin Provencher and Nan Schwartz

Public attending: None

Crandall opened the meeting at 10AM. He said that we haven't met much this year but he feels we need to move forward and have something done and estimated for Town Meeting. The Selectmen have agreed to help us move forward and have asked us to concentrate on the rear parking area first.

1. Parking/Access issues – We discussed what has been decided so far to deal with issues behind the buildings. Create a larger parking lot by carving back the hill and install a retaining wall, put in a walkway/ stairway in the retaining wall and up to the buildings, widen and reduce the slope of the roadway down to the parking area and create some parking up top near the leach field along with the handicap parking for the SH and TH. Angle parking will be retained on the right side of Town Hall. One parking spot on either side of the Schoolhouse will be designated for Police parking. Schwartz said that there are some utilities behind the buildings that will need to be considered. She will work on a sketch of what we are considering. We will work with Parks and Rec to decide about the playground and equipment. Schwartz said we probably want to keep some equipment on the site and move other equipment to the Library lot. Crandall said the TVC subcommittee has been authorized by the BoS to work with Anthony Costello to figure out design possibilities for the plan and estimate needs for achieving it. He will let us know of any planned meeting with Costello.

Jager said that drainage is needed in front of the church because there is ponding after storms. We discussed pavement versus gravel and made no decision on it.

We went outside and toured the location behind the town buildings. Crandall will speak with Costello and let us know of a meeting date and time.

2. Town Pound – Schwartz noted that Rouse and Trimarco have rehung the Town Pond sign near the pound site. She has design examples of an informational sign for the pound and we will review them later.

3. Speed signs – The town has ordered the radar speed signs for both ends of town but they haven't been installed yet.

4. Other Issues – None were mentioned at this time.

Adjourned at 11:00AM

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Schwartz, Planning Board Secretary