

THE BOROUGH OF BANTAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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BANTAM 06750

INCORPORATED 1915

MINUTES
November 12, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING
Bantam Borough Town Hall
7:00 p.m.

Present: Adam Yarrish, Chairman
Pete Donohue, Vice Chairman
John Buonaiuto
Sally Tornow

Public: Dennis Tobin, PhD, Municipal Consultant
Paul Griffen
Dick Sheldon
Wendy Westcott
+2 members of the public

Chairman Yarrish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Yarrish opened the public hearing to accept public comment on the Borough's proposed Plan of Conservation and Development. Dr. Dennis Tobin, Municipal Consultant, was invited to speak to the public about the Plan, its journey to creation and its importance to the Borough.

Dr. Tobin first reviewed the statutory requirements with regard to notifications. It was determined that proper notification has been made to the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, no comments were received; the Warden and Burgesses, an endorsement was made at their meeting of October 9th; and a notice of public hearing was posted in the Waterbury Republican on November 1st and 8th, affidavits pending. Additionally, the plan was given to the Litchfield Town Clerk, the Bantam Borough Clerk and posted on the Borough's website for public review on September 4th.

Dr. Tobin discussed the Plan with the Commission and the public recapping each section including Guiding Policy, Strategies, Actions and Policy Champions. While highlighting each section Dr. Tobin recognized Dick Sheldon as a valuable resource and thanked him for his contribution.

Mr. Dick Sheldon, 866 Bantam Road, addressed the Commission thanking them for the months of hard work to complete the Borough's first Plan of Conservation and Development. He noted that with the adopted plan the Borough will be able to seek grant funding for projects within the Borough. Mr. Sheldon added that one ongoing project is the creation of a Bantam Arts District and the State grant money would be sought to further that initiative.

Ms. Wendy Westcott, 1160 Bantam Road, addressed the Commission with suggestions to Economic Development with regard to signage and the addition of Warden and Burgesses as Policy Champions to Cultural and Historic Resources Strategies and Transportation Policies and Strategies. Lastly, Ms. Westcott suggested that the Commission consider adding improvement of communication to the Transportation Recommended Actions.

Chairman Yarrish thanked those who spoke this evening and entertained a motion to close the hearing.

Motion made by Ms. Tornow to close the public hearing on the adoption of the Plan of Conservation and Development at 7:52 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Buonaiuto and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie L. Douglass".

Valerie L. Douglass
Commission Clerk