

Minutes

Walkersville Planning Commission Workshop

January 9, 2024

Commission Chairman David Ennis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with members Mike Kuster, Gary Baker, Dick Brady, Russ Winch, Nathan Shatto and Jeremy Peterson present. Also present were Town Planner Susan Hauver and Communications Specialist Ashley Bailey. The meeting was also live-streamed on the Town's website.

1. Minutes: December 12, 2023 meeting

Member Winch made a motion, seconded by Member Kuster to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0-1 (Shatto abstained).

2. Draft Comprehensive Plan Review of Public Comments

Planner Hauver presented revisions to the Plan text and maps.

With regard to the section on Development Review in the Implementation chapter, Member Baker asked whether historic and archeologic resources could be considered in the development review process. Planner Hauver agreed to note that review referrals could be made to Frederick County staff members with expertise in those areas.

Chairman Ennis reviewed his list of issues: the need to limit the zoning districts in which gas stations are permitted; the need to clarify the chart concerning sidewalk compliance; and the need for text explanations to go along with areas of special concern maps in the Transportation chapter. He also wondered about the enrollment projections for the middle and high schools, and why the Plan recommends that the Town consider adopting impact fees.

Member Brady reviewed a long list of items based on his review of the text.

The consensus of the group was to have staff edit the Plan in accordance with their comments and to vote on the Plan at the next meeting.

Member Shatto apologized for missing the last meeting. He expressed reservations about moving the Plan forward without something on the Stone property.

Member Brady noted that Hercules has cleaned up their property and felt the Town should recognize them for improvement the appearance of their site.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Hauver