



Town of Watertown
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Minutes: Thursday, April 18, 2019, Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Committee Members Present: Jon Bockian, Bob DiRico, Dennis J. Duff, Allen Gallagher, Maria Rose, Susan Steele, Elodia Thomas. **Absent:** Jason Cohen, Mark Krackiewicz

Others Present: Steve Magoon, Asst. Town Manager & Director, DCDP, Tom Tracy, Asst. Town Manager & Town Auditor, Vincent Piccirilli, VP and District C Town Councilor, Nancy Hammett, Leo Martin, and David Stokes.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 7:05 by Steve Magoon, Asst. Town Manager & Director, DCDP acting as chair.

The first order of business was unfinished business, the election of a Chair. Mr. Magoon explained the thought behind delaying the action to allow all members to be present, as it was a split vote previously. Mr. Duff made a motion to elect Elodia Thomas as Chair, which was seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Discussion included several members expressing support for the delay of a decision until all members could be present, and other members feeling that it was time to get started. The motion passed with four in favor, two opposed, and one abstention.

Ms. Thomas then suggested an altered agenda. Ms. Thomas stated that at the last meeting Gideon Schreiber had indicated he would provide an update summary of the Comprehensive Plan and each member was to read the pertinent chapters of the plan. Staff will get the pertinent memo to the Committee and members will review the content.

Ms. Steele suggested that members should all give a bit about their background and interests, as it relates to the functions of the CPC. Each member provided a summary of their backgrounds and other information to get to know each other.

Several items were then discussed that need to be pursued. These included:

- Setting up a “Notify Me” link for the CPC, a basic CPC information listing on the Town website, email addresses for the members, a group photo, and a short bio of

each member similar to Newton's page. Ms. Thomas agreed to follow-up on these items.

- Ms. Rose agreed to put the bio list together and asked each member to forward their information by May 3 for her to compile.
- There was a discussion of mission, vision, and values of the CPC. Sample statements were read. Ms. Thomas and Ms. Steele agreed to serve as a working group to draft a statement.
- It was suggested that the committee also get nameplates for future meetings. Ms. Thomas to follow-up.
- The committee also discussed meeting locations and decided to consider other options but retain the current location for now. Ms. Thomas to follow-up.
- The committee will need to discuss consultant/staff needs. It was suggested we consider talking to other towns as to their experience. Mr. Bockian suggested looking at communities similar in size or fund amounts for a good comparison. Mr. Tracy suggested the town has a list of comparable communities based on the number of factors we could consider.

2. Date of next meeting:

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 16, 7:00 p.m., in the Town Council Chamber.

3. Adjournment:

On a motion made, seconded, and adopted unanimously on a voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.