

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 10, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Planning Board was called to order at 7:06 pm by Chairman O' Brien in the Senior Center Building at the Municipal Complex.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, a notice of this meeting's date, time, location and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the township bulletin board and filed with the Municipal Clerk on March 4, 2021.

**ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Gene O'Brien, Chair  
Hemant Marathe, Mayor  
Anis Baig  
Curtis Hoberman  
Jyotika Bahree, Alt. #1  
Saju Joseph, Alt. #2

**ABSENT:** Michael Karp, Vice-Chair  
Sue Appelget  
Linda Geevers  
Simon Pankove  
Allen Schectel

**TOWNSHIP CONSULTANT STAFF**

David Novak, PP, Planner  
Jeff L'Amoreaux, PE, Traffic Engineer, Arora and Associates  
Tim Lynch, Chief of Fire Emergency Services  
Dave Terzein, Chief, Princeton Junction Fire Company  
Sgt. Frank Bal, Traffic Sgt. West Windsor Police  
Sam Surtees, Land Use Manager and Zoning Officer

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman O'Brien stated that the members that are not present are self-quarantining. There were no non-agenda matters/comments.

**MASTER PLAN WORK SESSION**

Draft Circulation Plan Element of the West Windsor Township Master Plan  
(continued from 2/24/21 & 3/3/2021)

DIANE HASLING, 12 Jacob Drive: Ms. Hasling provided an update from the neighbors. She read into the record their amended request concerning the Master Plan road connecting Ward Road and the proposed Cherry Grove residential development. They are opposing the road for environmental and stormwater reasons and advocate there be only emergency access from Ward Road to the Cherry Grove development.

Chairman O'Brien read into the record a statement from Attorney Muller of a legal interpretation from Ed Schmier, Zoning Board Attorney. The Board does not have the right to withdraw a road that is in the Master Plan, when a development application is filed.

Residents will be permitted to ask Mr. Muller questions during public comment at the March 17, 2021 Planning Board meeting.

TIM LYNCH, Chief of Fire Emergency Services, made a statement that Clarksville or Village Roads are heavily traveled during rush hour. Having another avenue would allow them to respond much more quickly. Having an emergency access only road would only slow them down.

SGT. FRANK BAL, Traffic Sgt. West Windsor Police said that getting around town at certain times is almost impossible. He said getting out of his car to unlock or remove a lock when responding to a call would require more time.

RIPESH VHARAPI, 10 Wright Place: Mr. Bharati asked if the new traffic plan will help with the school traffic. Sgt. Bal responded it may help.

DAN RAPPOPORT, 300 Bunn Drive, Princeton asked what the design of the road will be. Chairman O'Brien responded that the Planning Board does not know the specific design at this time.

BILL ROSE, 36 West Winds Drive represents the Westwinds Homeowners Association. They are concerned about the drainage issues. Mr. Surtees said the Township hasn't yet seen those plans.

EILEEN AZZARA, 22 Lorrie Lane said she appreciates the Chief's and Sergeant's concern for response time on emergencies but would like any connecting roadway to be gravel.

Chairman O'Brien stated that a projected local road will be in the Circulation Element of the Master Plan.

Planner Novak said he prepared two (2) new maps showing the potential route of the Master Plan road.

Traffic Engineer L'Amoreaux commented on the potential Ward Road.

There was discussion regarding response and speed time by emergency vehicles.

Chairman O'Brien stated that the road will stay on the Master Plan.

#### CONTINUATION OF REVIEW OF CIRCULATION ELEMENT:

Planner Novak, Traffic Engineer L'Amoreaux, and the Planning Board Members reviewed the Element page by page, and made amendments/changes as discussed beginning with page 19. Several intersections were discussed.

ANDREA MANDEL, 46 Ellsworth Drive: Ms. Mandel commented on problematic intersections where significant intersection improvements are needed. This occurs in several places throughout the Township. A traffic study was supposed to have been done at Clarksville and North Post Roads.

JOHN CHURCH, 11 Princeton Place, Zoning Board Member. Mr. Church stated he was not speaking on behalf of the Zoning Board. Mr. Church commented that items in the Master Plan are sometimes just suggestions. He added sometimes bike lanes just come to a stop. He also mentioned that bikes travel very fast on the towpath. Ms. Mandel stated that it is already a state law that bikes are required to have some type of noise item, e.g. a horn, bell, etc.

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ALISON MILLER, 41 Windsor Drive: Ms. Miller commented about bicyclists on the busy streets. She gave the Board Chairman information on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Alliance.

DAN RAPPOPORT, 300 Bunn Drive, Princeton: Mr. Rappoport agreed that Harris Road and Alexander Road are not suitable for bicycles and pedestrians. He suggested signs that say, "bicycles can use full lane/share the road with bicycles", and would also like to see the bicycles slow down.

ANDREA MANDEL, 46 Ellsworth Drive: Ms. Mandel agreed with Mr. Joseph that signs may not be needed in a smaller neighborhood.

The Planning Board completed the review of the Draft Circulation Plan Element of the West Windsor Township Master Plan. Planner Novak will submit a red-lined copy to the Board for further review and all the maps will be revised.

With no further business, Chairman O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 9:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Dziura  
Recording Secretary