

The Town of Washington

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August 21, 2021

Council Meeting

APPROVED Agenda

10:00 a.m.

- CALL TO ORDER Action
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Action
- OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Review of the Planning Commission's recommendation of the SUP application for Rush River Commons Action
 - b) Review of the application to extend the sewer service district for Rush River Commons Action
 - c) Review of the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone the property for Rush River Commons Action
- PUBLIC FORUM
- ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
September 13, 2021

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10:00 a.m.

APPROVED Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Fred Catlin opened the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Council members Mary Ann Kuhn, Brad Schneider, Gail Swift and Joe Whited were present with Jean Goodine and Patrick O'Connell absent. Town Attorney John Bennett and Town Clerk Barbara Batson were present.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ms. Swift motioned to approve the agenda, and Mr. Whited seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"

Mr. Schneider voted "yes"

Ms. Swift voted "yes"

Mr. Whited voted "yes"

Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Jean Goodine and Patrick O'Connell absent.

- OLD BUSINESS:
 - (a) Review of the Planning Commission's recommendation of the special use permit for Rush River Commons (RRC), the application to extend the sewer service district, and review of the application to rezone the property: Mr. Stephen Plescow reviewed where the water and sewer lines for the project and fire hydrants would be placed and discussed installing a stub on the sewer line for potential use in the future. He reported that the building site is lower than the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) so grinder pumps would be used and a sewage line would run up to the WWTP. He also discussed the entrance configuration that lines up with the post office. Black Kettle LLC. has agreed to revisit the traffic configurations again one year after full occupancy of the site unless it's determined there are issues with traffic prior to that time.

Mr. Bennett reviewed each of the latest version of the conditions to the special use permit with Town Council (TC). Ms. Kuhn questioned the town's liability, if any, regarding the proposed traffic configuration. After discussion with Mr. Foote and Mr. Gary Achiele, Mr. Bennett responded that the Town would not be liable for any potential traffic accident. Ms. Kuhn noted there was no landscaping shown on the development plan even though it was stated in the conditions the landscaping was included. Mr. Plescow agreed and the condition was changed to reflect the landscaping would be shown in the final site plan.

Mr. Schneider raised the question if the revised conditions should be sent back to the Planning Commission (PC) for review. Mayor Catlin said the Planning Commission already made its recommendation and it was now up to Town Council to make any changes it felt appropriate. It was determined the draft conditions to the SUP did not require an additional review by the PC.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Catlin opened the public forum. Concern was expressed regarding the definition of what retail stores would be included in the commercial building. There was a concern that fast food restaurants would be allowed. Mr. Bennett replied that current zoning ordinances would not allow for fast food restaurants. There was also a concern that a traffic light would need to be installed. Mr. Bennett replied that there is not enough traffic on Warren Avenue to require a traffic light. A member of the public shared he felt the TC and Planning Commission had done its due diligence considering this project and hoped the project would be approved quickly.

Ms. Swift made a motion to advertise a public hearing to be held on September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider all three of the Rush River Common's revised applications and Mr. Whited seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"

Mr. Schneider voted "yes"

Ms. Swift voted "yes"

Mr. Whited voted "yes"

Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Jean Goodine and Patrick O'Connell absent.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Catlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. and Ms. Kuhn seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"

Mr. Schneider voted "yes"

Ms. Swift voted "yes"

Mr. Whited voted "yes"

Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Jean Goodine and Patrick O'Connell absent.

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September 13, 2021.

Barbara Batson, Town Clerk

Attachments:

Planning Commission's recommendations on the Rush River Commons SUP application
Rush River Commons sewer district expansion application
SUP with updated draft conditions for Rush River Commons