

# *The Town of Washington*

September 26, 2022  
Joint Public Hearing  
Town Council and Planning Commission  
Approved Agenda  
7:00 p.m.

- CALL TO ORDER
  
- MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS
  
- PLANNING COMMISSION OPENS PUBLIC HEARING
  
- TOWN COUNCIL OPENS PUBLIC HEARING
  
- COMMENTS FROM ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
  
- PUBLIC COMMENTS
  
- PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION
  
- TOWN COUNCILS' CONSIDERATION OF:
  - Rezoning request for 335 Middle Street
  - Special Use Permit for 335 Middle Street
  - Special Use Permit for 360 Main Street
  
- ADJOURNMENT

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## Approved Town Council and Planning Commission Joint Public Hearing Minutes

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Fred Catlin opened the joint public hearing for the Town Council (TC) at 7:00 p.m. Council members Drew Beard, Jean Goodine, Brad Schneider, and Patrick O'Connell were present with Gail Swift and Joe Whited absent. Town Administrator/Clerk Barbara Batson was present.
- **MAYOR CATLIN'S OPENING REMARKS:** We are holding public hearings on a rezoning application and two Special Use Permits tonight, and we will take public comment on all three matters at the same time. The Planning Commission will jointly hold its public hearings with us. I'll briefly explain the rules for these public hearings and then invite the Planning Commission Chair to call the Planning Commission to order.

The purpose of a public hearing is to hear from interested members of the community about the advisability of making the proposed changes in the zoning code. In one of the cases tonight, we are hearing comment on proposed changes to the zoning map; that is, the property owner is asking us to change the zoning designation of 335 Middle Street from the Village Residential zoning district to the Village Mixed Use zoning district. In the other two cases, the property owner is asking for a special use permit to allow lodging; one property is 360 Main Street and the other is 335 Middle Street. The rezoning of the 335 Middle Street would have to occur before the Council can grant the SUP for lodging.

Please limit your comments to three minutes and limit your comments to the impact of the proposed zoning amendments on the community. Matters such as parking, traffic, compatibility with existing structures, and noise are all appropriate topics for comment. Speakers must direct their comments to the Council and Planning Commission, not the audience. We generally do not engage in a back-and-forth discussion during public hearings.

- **Planning Commission:** Chairperson Caroline Anstey opened the joint public hearing for the Planning Commission (PC) at 7:04 p.m. Commission members Drew Beard, Constance Bruce, Judy DeSarno and Jeanne Kauffmann were present.
- **COMMENTS FROM ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Mr. Steve Gyuris confirmed the three applications were complete and reviewed by the PC. The special use permits include recommendations made by the PC. The application for 360 Main Street is for 1 dwelling with 2 bedrooms. He asked if the TC or PC had any questions; there were no questions.
- **Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

Ms. Anstey made a motion for the Planning Commission to close its public hearing and Ms. Kauffmann seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Beard voted "yes"                      Ms. Bruce voted "yes"  
Ms. DeSarno voted "yes"                Ms. Kauffmann voted "yes"  
Chairperson Caroline Anstey voted "yes"  
And the motion passed 5-0

- Mayor Catlin made a motion for the Town Council to close its public hearing and Ms. Goodine seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Drew Beard voted "yes"                Ms. Jean Goodine voted "yes"  
Mr. Brad Schneider voted "yes"        Mayor Catlin voted "yes"  
The motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Swift and Mr. Whited absent and Mr.  
O'Connell abstaining

Ms. Anstey asked if anyone on the PC had a recommendation.

- Ms. Kauffmann made a motion and Ms. Anstey seconded to recommend that Town Council approve:
  - 335 Middle Street be rezoned from Village Residential to Village Mixed Use
  - A Special Use Permit be issued with conditions for 335 Middle Street
  - A Special Use Permit be issued with conditions for 360 Main Street

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Beard voted "yes"                      Ms. Bruce voted "yes"  
Ms. DeSarno voted "yes"                Ms. Kauffmann voted "yes"  
Chairperson Caroline Anstey voted "yes"  
And the motion passed 5-0

Mayor Catlin asked if anyone on TC had any questions.

Mr. Schneider asked if the applicant for 360 Main Street was asking for an expansion of the dwelling. Mr. Gyurisn responded that the application was only for a special use permit to use the dwelling as a 2-bedroom guest dwelling. He said that if the applicant wanted to expand it would require a separate application.

- Mayor Catlin made a motion to rezone 335 Middle Street from Village Residential to Village Mixed Use and Ms. Goodine seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Drew Beard voted "yes"                Ms. Jean Goodine voted "yes"  
Mr. Brad Schneider voted "yes"        Mayor Catlin voted "yes"  
The motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Swift and Mr. Whited absent and Mr.  
O'Connell abstaining

- Mayor Catlin made a motion to issue a special use permit with conditions for 335 Middle Street and 360 Main Street and Mr. Schneider seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Drew Beard voted "yes"                      Ms. Jean Goodine voted "yes"  
Mr. Brad Schneider voted "yes"                Mayor Catlin voted "yes"  
The motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Swift and Mr. Whited absent and Mr.  
O'Connell abstaining

- Ms. Anstey made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Kauffmann seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Beard voted "yes"                              Ms. Bruce voted "yes"  
Ms. DeSarno voted "yes"                        Ms. Kauffmann voted "yes"  
Chairperson Caroline Anstey voted "yes"  
And the motion passed 5-0

- Mayor Catlin made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Schneider seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Drew Beard voted "yes"                      Ms. Jean Goodine voted "yes"  
Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"                        Mr. Brad Schneider voted "yes"  
Mayor Catlin voted "yes"  
The motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Swift and Mr. Whited absent.

Barbara Batson, Town Clerk

Attachments:

Rezoning application for 335 Middle Street  
Special Use Permit for 335 Middle Street  
Special Use Permit for 360 Main Street