

**Westwood Planning Board  
(Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen)  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 29, 2015  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall – 7:45 PM**

**Attendance:**

*Present:* Planning Board members, Chairman Rafsky, Jack Wiggin, and Chris Pfaff. Also present, Director of Community & Economic Development Nora Loughnane, Town Planner Abigail McCabe, who recorded the minutes.

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**Discussion on Glacier / Everett Drive Properties:**

Selectmen Chairman Ahearn stated that the Glacier and Everett Drive areas have had a commercial study completed back in 2002 and the recent redevelopment of some of the properties are the focus on tonight's discussion with the Planning Board to discuss the potential for redevelopment of the area.

Planning Board Chairman Rafsky introduced the new Town Planner, Ms. McCabe, and the all of the Board members. Chairman Rafsky said that he would like to start discussion to create a vision for this area as he believes creating a clear vision for the area is the first step to see redevelopment. The vision should come from the community and the Board of Selectman.

Mr. Ahearn said that he was impressed with Prime Motor Groups recent application and how they worked with the town to resolve water issues and were engaged with the community during the permitting process. Mr. Walsh said that he sees the area as a small business area with the possibility for senior housing and a potential for the train station to move. Ms. Hyde stated that she believes we have to be talking to the property owners before development occurs.

Ms. Loughnane responded that Prime Motor Group made significant landscape improvements and has provided a gateway entrance to the area. She added that she has also been talking to the Fosters and are they are interested in a senior residential development.

Mr. Ahearn concluded that the Selectmen and Planning Board should meet on this topic after the Board has reorganized later this month.

**Public Comment:**

Joe Previtera, added that he thought Prime Motor Group was good to work with as a Conservation Commission member. As a neighbor, he thought it was unlikely that the train station would ever move because it may not be feasible.

**Alternate Board Member:**

Mr. Ahearn stated that the Planning Board is looking for alternate members. Mr. Rafsky stated that his term as a full member is ending next week but he was interested in serving as an alternate member. Ms. Hyde and Mr. Walsh motioned to post the two vacancies for alternate Planning Board members.

**Adjournment:**

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m.