



Planning & Development

Annual Select Board Update - June 8, 2020

Tracy Murphy- Director of Planning & Development



Staffing:

Tracy Murphy, Director of Planning & Development - 40 hrs.

Alison Manugian, Planning & Conservation Agent – 37 hrs.

Nicole Roberts, Land Use Coordinator – 20 hrs. (F/T shared employee with Land Use)

▶ The P & D department provides staff Assistance to:

- ▶ Conservation Commission
- ▶ Planning Board
- ▶ Zoning Board of Appeals
- ▶ Winchendon Redevelopment Authority
- ▶ Toy Town Community Partnership
- ▶ Director serves as American with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator
- ▶ Director acts as Town Representative as a member of:
 - ▶ *The Brownsfield Group (EPA program administered through MRPC)*
 - ▶ *Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MJTC)*
 - ▶ *Montachusett Planning Organization (MPO, Sub-region 1 rep.)*
 - ▶ *Montachusett Regional Economic Development Steering Committee*
 - ▶ *Winchendon HEAL/MassUp/Changemakers*
- ▶ Department leads Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and other grant programs as directed/appropriate.



Conservation



- ▶ All Meetings and Public Hearings held via ZOOM – 2nd Thursday
- ▶ The majority of the projects are residential in nature and involve alterations to existing homes and yards.
- ▶ Increase in residential wetland violations during the COVID-19 pandemic attributed to lack of knowledge of wetland regulations and benefits.
 - established a “Did you know” public awareness campaign
- ▶ Establish protocols for project completion & issuance of Certificate of Compliance in a timely manner
- ▶ Many solar projects under construction are filing for completion.
- ▶ Marked improvement in Planning, Zoning, Conservation and Land Use coordination.
- ▶ **Lack of membership continues to prevent timely actions by the Conservation Commission.**



Planning & Zoning



- ▶ All Meetings and Public Hearings held via ZOOM - PB 1st 3rd Tue., ZBA, 1st Wed.
- ▶ NO Zoning Amendments permitted during COVID19 Pandemic -
Art. 9 Signage amendments postponed
- ▶ Millers Run Sub-division Completion (original approval 2004) –
Road/drainage easement acceptance articles at ATM
- ▶ 60 Franklin St. Cultivation facility approved 6/2/2020
Approval subject to a 20 day appeal period
- ▶ 685 Spring St. Retail facility Public Hearing 6/23/2020 at 6:35pm
- ▶ 2 Juniper St. Cultivation Facility in the preliminary permitting phase
- ▶ Establish protocols for project completion
- ▶ Master Plan – Final Edits
- ▶ Zoning Board of Appeals – Limited activity, one hearing in 2020



Grant Activities

▶ Open Grants:

▶ (DOER) Green Communities – Value: **\$189,673**

Projects: Senior Center & DPW Barn lighting, Memorial Radiant Heat, Police Station Furnace

▶ Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness – Value: **\$36,400**

Projects: Hazard Mitigation Plan update and MVP Plan (climate change impacts)

▶ (EPA) Brownsfield Grant – Value: Phase 1, **\$3,500** – Phase 2, **\$48,300**

Projects: Phase 1 & Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment at 4 Summer Dr. (Potential Redevelopment)

▶ Mass Historic Emergency Grant – Value: **\$50,000.00**

Project: Old Murdock Senior Center 50/50 match for ventilation chimney repair

▶ Pending Grant Applications:

▶ 2020 CDBG – Value: **\$715,510**

Projects: Railroad Street Reconstruction, Fuel Assistance program

▶ 2020 CDBG-CV – Value: \$458,250 Winchendon Share - **\$131,500**

Projects: Food Insecurity, Homelessness, Microenterprise Assistance



Ongoing Activities



- Public Awareness Campaign – Planning, Zoning & Conservation Issues
- Fallfest 2020
- Winchendon HEAL – Heywood - Mass Up Initiative/Grant –Financial empowerment
MWCC – Changemakers –youth involvement
- Central Street Reconstruction Project
- Toy Town Community Partnership - Large Toy Project Contracting
- Winchendon Community Park Building
- Wayfinding & Branding Implementation
- Poland & Streeter Schools - Affordable Veterans Housing Development
- Public Right of Way (PROW) implementation (with DPW)
- Winchendon Redevelopment Authority – Hillview Business Park
Bike Path Parking Lot – Grout Park
- Development of Lincoln Ave Ext. property(s)



Questions?