

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT**  
**Gateways Committee Special Meeting**  
**February 16, 2017**

**Present**

Peter Mastrobattista  
Amy Suffredini  
Hilary Donald  
Augusto Russell

**Staff:**

William Warner  
Rose Ponte  
Kathy Eagen – arrived 5:45 pm

**A. Call to Order.**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM

**B Communications : N/A**

**C. Approve the Minutes from January 19, 2016**

A motion was made and seconded by (Suffredini/Donald) to approve the minutes.

**a. Approved unanimously**

**D. Farmington Center Update**

The Farmington Center Master plan is available online on the town's website as well as by hardcopy to borrow from the Land Use and Economic Development offices.

Design guidelines for Farmington Village District Zone were developed and included in the Farmington Center Master plan They will be reviewed by the Architectural Design Review committee, and if they are approved a TPZ public hearing will be held for the Commission to consider adopting text amendment changes to the Farmington Village District Zone to include these design guidelines. The design guidelines provide clearer design objectives and standards.

**E. Next Focus Area**

Bill reviewed the 7 original areas of study that were selected by the Gateway Committee in 2014.

He recommended the committee consider the 5 Corners area as their next study area. He anticipates that private development projects are in the horizon. In order to develop this area appropriately the current zoning regulations need to be addressed and revised. The committee should explore how this important gateway into town can be improved and the necessary zoning changes that would be needed to make these changes possible.

Bill explained that this area is in flux and he reviewed the potential opportunities that exist in this area.

The committee agreed that the 5 corners should be studied and they asked Bill to develop a plan for the area. Once the plan is approved by the committee, conceptual plans should be developed. Commissioner Suffredini recommended that the community continue to be engaged in this process and that we should reach out to the neighborhoods around this area to assure they are engaged and part of the process.

Bill will present the plan at the next monthly meeting for the committee's consideration.

**F. Public Comments –N/A**

**G. A motion was made and seconded (Suffredini/Donald) to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM.**

**a. Motion approved.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Rose Ponte  
Economic Development Director.

cc: Sub-Committee Members  
Bill Warner, Town Planner  
Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager  
Paula Ray, Town Clerk  
Deb Bull, Administrative Assistant