

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
Gateways Committee Meeting
March 17, 2016**

Present

Peter Mastrobattista
Amy Suffredini
Hilary Donald

Staff:

William Warner
Rose Ponte

A. Call to Order.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:10p.m.

B. Public Comment –None

C. Communications- None received

D. Approve minutes from February 18, 2016

A motion to approve the February 18, 2016 minutes and seconded by (Donald/ Suffredini).

It was unanimously voted: To approve the February 18, 2016 minutes.

E. Review March 21 meeting with TPZ

The committee will attend the March 21 TPZ meeting to review the work that has been completed to date. We will officially ask the TPZ to hold a public hearing to add the Farmington Center report to the Plan of Conservation and Development. Bill Warner advised that the public hearing will be scheduled once the Regional Council of Governments has had thirty days to review the request. The committee will also report to the TPZ that the next area of study will be the 5 corners.

F. Determine dates to interview RFP respondents

It was decided that interviews would be conducted on April 7 from 5:00 to 7:00. Each will receive 40 minutes for their presentation.

H. Five Corners Presentation

Bill Warner provided an overview of the existing conditions of the 5 corners study area. Economic indicators and demographics indicate this area has a very strong market with excellent economic development potential. It is a major gateway into Farmington and the area should be enhanced. Engaging the residents of this study area is very important. A letter will be mailed to inform them of the committee's work and invite them to future meetings. The next step is to issue an RFP to hire a consultant that would provide conceptual drawings for this area. Once the consultant is hired and the conceptual drawings are completed a public community meeting will be scheduled to show the drawings to the community and solicit their comments.

I. Other Business- none discussed

J. Adjournment

Upon a motion made and seconded (Donald/Suffredini) it was unanimously Voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM.

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