January 21, 2020. The meeting began at 7 p.m.

Members present: Bill O’Neill, Emily Majer, Brent Kovalchik, Paula Schoonmaker and consultant Ted Fink.

The committee discussed the “Analysis” section of the Physical Features subsection, Section II C of the LWRP. Paula said she had decided to mainly rewrite the Analysis, since the proposed power plant, local hazardous waste sites and detrimental railroad disposal practices that were focal points of the 1995 discussion were no longer the major issues confronting the natural resources in the WRA. The members agreed that the Town should contact Amtrak and find out what railroad practices are currently in place in the WRA.

The committee then reviewed the revised Recreation section. The members generally agreed to scrap the 1995 chart, which had listed every recreation facility in the Town, and instead to incorporate the recreation facilities, trails, etc. that are located within the WRA into the narrative. Ted will do that work as well as add a short explanations of the “Complete Streets” program and incentive zoning.

The members agreed to begin reviewing the Policies, Section III, understanding that input from the future public outreach meeting would likely necessitate some revisions.

The next meeting was set for February 18, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.