

Ad Hoc 2030 Task Force
Feb. 16, 2021
Special Meeting Minutes

Video of this meeting may be seen at:

<https://woodbridgect.webex.com/woodbridgect/lsr.php?RCID=91b91397063f494d9e3cb7bd06c9f667>

In attendance: Co-chairs Chris Dickerson and Susan Jacobs, Jeremy Rosner, Garrett Luciani
Administrative Officer and Finance Director Tony Genovese and Assistant Administrative
Officer Betsy Yagla

The meeting came to order at 6:02 pm.

1. Minutes: Mr. Rosner made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Ms. Jacobs seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
2. Continue SWOT analysis. The task force continued its discussed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. New additions to the list below are in bold.

Strengths:

Location
Education system
Open space/trails
Yale
sense of volunteerism/civic responsibility
Rural feel
Gorgeous
Library
Former CCW
Rural yet close to urban areas
Family oriented
Residents are affluent and educated
Police/sense of security
Volunteer fire department/community minded

Weaknesses

Limited number of destination businesses
location – between Waterbury and New Haven
location – not on 91 or 95 so truck access is problematic
lack of sidewalks
Lack of “village feel” businesses

High taxes means high rent for businesses
Concentrated ownership of commercial property
Litchfield Turnpike
traffic
Hidden businesses (Selden and Litchfield)
West River
Small business district
Former CCW
Lack of mixed use buildings/**zoning**
Lack of economic/housing diversity in business district
lack of consensus on Town direction

Opportunities

Former CCW
New residents
Clean energy
DOT plan for Exit 59 on & off ramps
Brewery plans

Threats

Former CCW
State economy
Pandemic
DOT plan for Route 15 tunnel
Office vacancies

Mr. Dickerson said he would ask the Police Department for a traffic study of Routes 63 and 69 in the business district to get a better sense of traffic numbers and speed.

At 6:55 pm Mr. Dickerson made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Jacobs seconded. All in favor; the meeting adjourned.