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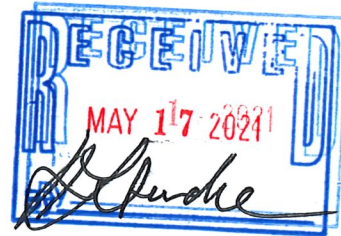


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Subject: State Review of Comprehensive Plan

Dear Ms. Ahern:

This correspondence presents the results of my review of the *Westerly Comprehensive Community Plan 2020 – 2040* as adopted by the Town Council on January 20, 2021 (the Plan) and revised in response to my initial comments of March 26, 2021. The Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act (the Act) requires that I review municipal comprehensive plans to ensure that comprehensive plans and subsequent amendments comply with the requirements listed in §45-22.2-9(d). Therefore, pursuant to these requirements, I hereby find:

- 1) the intent and goals of the Act, as stated in § 45-22.2-3(b)(1) and (c)(1) through (10), have been met;
- 2) the Plan is internally consistent and complete as required by § 45-22.2-6;
- 3) the Plan is consistent with, and embodies, the goals and policies of the State and its departments and agencies as contained in the State Guide Plan and the laws of the State;
- 4) municipal planning activities have been coordinated according to the provisions of § 45-22.2-7;
- 5) the Plan has been officially adopted and submitted for review in accordance with § 45-22.2-8 and other applicable procedures;
- 6) the Plan complies with the rules and regulations adopted by the State Planning Council; and, that
- 7) adequate, uniform, and valid data have been used in preparing the plan or amendment.

Decision


Based on these findings, I certify that the *Westerly Comprehensive Community Plan 2020 – 2040* is consistent with the goals, findings, and intent as established by the Act.

An important benefit of having a State-approved comprehensive plan is that “programs and projects of State agencies shall conform to that plan” (§ 45-22.2-10.) We would like to assist you in making your plan available to State agencies. To facilitate this, please provide us one electronic and two paper copies of the Plan as approved (including maps in color if appropriate) as soon as possible. We will post the electronic version to our website and will make the paper copies available for review through our office and library.

We greatly appreciate the level of hard and dedicated work that went into the production of this plan. We also hope, that as circumstances allow, we can award you a certificate of approval at a future State Planning Council meeting and thank you in person for the dedication of staff and local officials. We recognize the tremendous work it took to ensure that this process resulted in a complete, complex, and current guiding document that will help Westerly and its residents and businesses realize the desired future of the community through your Comprehensive Plan.

Congratulations on behalf of the State of Rhode Island: we look forward to continuing our work with you as you move forward to implement your Comprehensive Plan.

Yours truly,



Meredith E. Brady
Associate Director

✓ cc: Nancy Letendre