

Walden Land Use Planning Committee
Meeting – September 7, 2021
5 pm at Walden Town Hall
Minutes

Attendees were Angela Cassidy and Steven Bush.

Called Keith Covington with Common Ground regarding timing for public presentation of the Land Use Plan draft. Keith will reach out to Fern to get on the town calendar and Bachmann to line up the auditorium for what is expected to be an evening in the first week in October. We will want to make an effort to reach the public to invite them to this forum.

Two residents who live along the gas line easement voiced their concern over the proposed trail on the gas line easement. They had spoken to the gas company and indicated that the gas company will not allow a trail directly on top of the gas line, but they may allow the trail to the side of the easement. The residents pointed out that the gas line is on private property and they were not interested in allowing public access to their property. In fact, the gas company pointed out to the residents that they could put a fence on their property to prevent access to trail users. It appears that we cannot assume in the Land Use Plan trail access to the gas line easement over privately owned land where owners are not interested in that. The property owners discouraged the showing of the proposed trail when they did not believe it to be achievable. Angela has a call scheduled with Common Ground and will pass along this concern.

Discussed what to report for the next committee update for the September Town Board Meeting.