



March 4, 2026 West Concord Advisory Committee

In Attendance:

- WCAC members, Anna Feldweg, Lynda Ferrari, Lindsay Wolf, Allison Aley, John Cooley. Public attendees: Matt Mrva, Tariq Fayyad, 166 Comm Ave Developer; Nicole Hammond , WCAC member joined late as public member; Paul Boehm , SB liaison ; Elizabeth Hughes, Town Planner; Eric Young ; Christine Denaro; Honore Weiner; Christine Zale

The meeting opened at 7:31pm

The meeting focused on a presentation of updated plans for the redevelopment of 166 Commonwealth Ave. These plans included; additional lighting to match existing lights on Commonwealth, elimination of sconce lights, and fewer goose neck style lights. In addition, a curbing will delineate the parking lot from the Nashoba bakery lot, lights will be added to illuminate the rear path, and trash enclosure will be upgraded.

The committee and the public raised questions about the WC design guidelines and color scheme, particularly the roof, as well as traffic at Kenny Dunn Sq. An engineering consultant will assess traffic impact. The developers agreed to keep the roof a natural copper.

The committee voted unanimously to provide a letter of support to PB.

February minutes were approved.

The committee then discussed the possibility of changing the charge of the WCAC. The proposal to change the charge is in recognition of all the activities and development currently centered west of Rt. 2. This includes, new housing, 40B housing projects, the senior and community ctr, MCI, BFRT, Gerrow large development projects, and the area around 2229 Main St.

It is proposed that the WCAC could become a forum for public comment and public engagement about W. Concord, using the League of Women Voters as a model. The goal would be to provide information on a wide variety of activities that affect W. Concord, offering a way for residents to participate in conversations before investing in new activities or plans. This new charge would connect the WCAC to the Select Board, rather than the Planning Board, as the emphasis on new development would be shifted. In addition, it is suggested that:

- Community forums be scheduled as issues are identified, starting with a listening session
- The emphasis would include all of W Concord, not just the business district
- Forums would be posted every January and placed in the Bridge and social media
- Ask the League of Women Voters if the WCAC could be a sub-group

Comments from the committee:

- Preference to be separate from the League (which does include men)
 - A survey of what people want might be a way to start.
 - No reason or need to separate from the Planning Board
 - Asking that any plans from other boards or committees involving WC come to the WCAC early in their thinking before plans get too far along
 - Not clear on how a mechanism for updates from other committees would be collected and disseminated
 - WCAC would need to be the organizer
 - Identify the need we are trying to fix. Meet first with other committees and departments, especially the TAC and Public Works. Make the case for how this need applies to W. Concord when the rest of Concord operates without it. There is no rush. Start by piggybacking with the LWV.
- Updates –
 - The WC Cell Tower initiative is slowing down to focus on Concord Ctr. The next steps are to clarify the need for W. Concord.
 - Volunteers are solicited to replace the current chair when her term ends shortly.
 - Members were asked to make calls to green card holders to for new WCAC members.
 - Action items for next meeting – give feedback on charge document and make green card calls.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.