



TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

August 3, 2020 - 4:00 PM

1st Floor Conference Room, 301 Walnut Street, Windsor, CO 80550 Zoom Meeting, Click on the link <https://windsorgov.zoom.us/j/93205759011> OR by join by telephone at (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 - Webinar ID:93205759011

GOAL of this Work Session is to have the Town Board receive information on topics of Town business from the Town Manager, Town Attorney and Town staff in order to exchange ideas and opinions regarding these topics.

Members of the Public in attendance are asked to be recognized by the Mayor before participating in any discussions of the Town Board

AGENDA

1. Open Space/Community Buffer/Conservation Easement Discussion
Special Presentation: Becky Safarik, City of Greeley
Staff Presentation: Wade Willis, Open Space and Trails Manager

The Town of Windsor will make reasonable accommodations for access to Town services, programs, and activities and will make special communication arrangements for persons with disabilities. Please call (970) 674-2400 by noon on the Thursday prior to the meeting to make arrangements.



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 3, 2020
To: Mayor and Town Board
Via: Shane Hale, Town Manager
From: Eric Lucas, Public Services Director
Re: Open Space, Community Buffer, Conservation Easement Discussion
Item #: 1.

Background / Discussion:

At the Town Board Strategic Plan Retreat in June, the Board and staff discussed at length open space, community buffers and how they play a role in Windsor's values (small town feel, quality of life), and continued growth moving forward. The Board requested that staff bring forth a more in-depth discussion within 60 days.

The work session will reengage the Board and staff in this discussion in several ways. The first will be a history of previous regional efforts provided by Becky Safarik, Assistant City Manager, City of Greeley. Becky will provide context to regional discussions covered since 1999 through 2017. Specifically, she will focus on the concept of community separators and provide an update regarding where these discussions / agreements are currently. Additionally, she will cover the steps Greeley has taken to create community separation and what steps Windsor could consider doing as we work towards a similar goal. Wade Willis, Open Space & Trails Manager will follow with a discussion that reviews in detail action steps that Windsor can pursue in these areas (Conservation Easements, Zoning, and Acquisition), along with some recommendations for a path forward.

Ultimately, the goal of this work session is to ensure everyone is up to speed regarding options before us and obtain feedback as we work towards a solidified path forward that enables the Town to achieve its strategic goals.