

**2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
March 31, 2014**

The 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Special Meeting on March 31, 2014 7:00PM at the Stonington Town Hall Meeting Room – 152 Elm St., Stonington.

Attending were members, Walter Grant, Sara Lathrop, Bill Lyman and Bob Mohr. Members Bob Birmingham and Wendy Bury were absent. Planning and Zoning Commission members, Curtis Lynch and John Prue, Town Planner, Keith A. Brynes, and planning consultant, Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics, LLC were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lathrop at 7:05PM.

Minutes:

Mr. Grant motioned to approve the minutes of the 2/11/14 meeting; seconded by Mr. Lyman. The motion was approved 4-0.

Mr. Lyman motioned to approve the minutes of the 3/10/14 meeting; seconded by Mr. Grant. The motion was approved 4-0.

Old Business:

The Subcommittee discussed the list of suggested changes to the 1<sup>st</sup> draft compiled by Subcommittee members and forwarded to Mr. Chalder. As discussed at the last meeting, a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft will be prepared by Mr. Chalder. Mr. Chalder mentioned that extra money in the Town's GIS budget could be used for any outstanding mapping.

Mr. Lyman discussed his written comments on the draft Future Land Use Plan which should include any relevant recommendations from different chapters. Mr. Brynes will revise the Future Land Use Plan and distribute to members. Mr. Lyman suggested the plan cover include pictures of different areas of Town. Mr. Chalder recommended that members find or take suitable pictures. Mr. Brynes will forward the executive summary of the questionnaire to Mr. Chalder. Mr. Brynes will write language for the beginning of the Context chapter summarizing major changes over the past 10 years. Members recommended that the Preface can be based around the concepts of "Things we want to protect," "How we want to grow," and "Things we want to provide."

The Subcommittee discussed whether the POCD Implementation Committee should have the ability to modify recommended tasks outside of the formal POCD revision process in State statutes as some Towns are doing. Tasks could be re-labeled "sample tasks" or "action items" and be modified as conditions change.

Mr. Chalder can send one or two chapters at first for comment. Mr. Brynes will provide Mr. Chalder with examples of brownfield sites for inclusion in the plan text.

Members discussed the concept of village boundaries and concluded that the Future Land Use Plan should better define villages and eliminate the "village fringe" concept from the 2004 plan. Future Land Use Plan should include inserts for Mystic and Pawcatuck for readability. The Sewer Service Map should add a source and clarify the categories.

Members will provide Mr. Chalder with any examples of where recommendations need to be better backed up by chapter text. Mr. Lyman recommended that the Future Land Use Plan, Implementation and Conclusion should fall under the broad heading of "How we will make it happen."

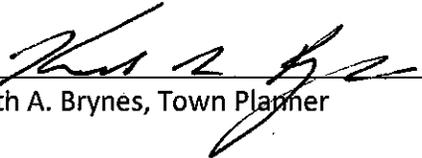
The Subcommittee discussed the process going forward. The 2<sup>nd</sup> draft will be prepared by Planimetrics and reviewed by the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will solicit input from local boards and commissions on recommendations they will be implementing. The plan will then be presented at a public informational meeting to be run by Planimetrics. A contract will have to be formalized between Planimetrics and the Town for this extra work.

Ms. Lathrop discussed Ms. Bury's previous question regarding whether the Board of Finance should be forwarded the draft POCD and questionnaire summary as they consider the Town budget. Consensus was that sending the questionnaire summary is appropriate but sending the draft POCD would be premature. Consensus of members present was that Ms. Lathrop will attend the Board of Finance public hearing on the budget on April 10<sup>th</sup> and speak in support of funding the Director of Planning position.

The Subcommittee's next meeting will be Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Subcommittee will discuss the Conservation Commission's proposed changes to the Open Space Plan and options for Planimetrics' involvement.

Mr. Grant motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Mohr. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner