

**2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee
Special Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2014**

The 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Special Meeting on July 28, 2014 7:00PM at the Stonington Town Hall Meeting Room, 152 Elm Street, Stonington.

Attending were members Bob Birmingham, Wendy Bury, Walter Grant, Sara Lathrop, Bill Lyman and Bob Mohr. Planning and Zoning Commission members Curtis Lynch, Fran Hoffman and Ben Tamsky and Town Planner, Keith A. Brynes, were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lathrop at 7:04PM.

Minutes:

Ms. Bury motioned to approve the minutes of the 7/14/14 meeting; seconded by Mr. Lyman. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Discussion of Comments Received on the 5/16/14 Draft Plan.

Wayne Greene, Building Official, comments: The Subcommittee agreed to delete Task 3.2.8 regarding additional regulations for septic tanks in flood hazard areas.

Alisa Morrison, Stormwater Task Force, comments: The Subcommittee discussed the benefits and challenges of forming a municipal stormwater utility. The Subcommittee agreed to add a task in Chapter 5 to "consider the formation of a municipal stormwater utility" with the Stormwater Task Force as the leader.

Conservation Commission comments: The Subcommittee had no issue with the Conservation Commission's comments. Staff can work to incorporate edits.

Avalonia Land Conservancy comments: The Subcommittee agreed to include a task to implement the strategies of DEEP's Pawcatuck River Watershed Bacteria TMDL Report. The Plan will include a task to form a Coastal Resilience/Climate Change Task Force (whichever name will be used by the Selectmen). Their formation should also be mentioned in Chapter 14. Staff will look into adding information to Chapter 2 on seasonal residences. The Subcommittee agreed to modify Policy 6.1.5 to read "Monitor and enforce municipal conservation easements." Presence of the AMTRAK station will be added as a bullet to page 1 and discussed on page 106. The expenditure distribution chart will include 0% spent on open space preservation.

WPCA comments: The Subcommittee agreed to modify the language of Policy 12.2.2. Staff will consider adding WPCA's other comments into the text on page 94.

Christopher Dixon comments: Agricultural map will be amended. Transportation map will be more legible – North Main Street is listed as a "major connector." The term "cultural landscapes" will be added to Chapter 7 with a sidebar definition.

Katherine Robinson comments: New task recommending the formation of a Municipal Land Acquisition and Development Authority will address management of municipal open space and easements.

Mystic Harbor Management Commission comments: No modifications required.

Stonington Harbor Management Commission comments: Plan will include discussion on the role of Harbor Management Commissions and Plans. Policy 3.2.5 will be modified to read "Coordinate communication making by the commissions charged with managing activities in coastal areas." Other comments will be addressed by staff. The Subcommittee agreed to include a task in Chapter 3 to "Adopt a Harbor Management Plan for the Pawcatuck River."

POKO comments: No modifications required.

Curtis Lynch comments: The Subcommittee agreed to change the term "overarching philosophies" in the Introduction to "Overarching Policies." The Subcommittee agreed to add a task to Chapter 10 to "Provide an annual report with analysis and summary to identify additional economic drivers for the Town such as high-value manufacturing and retirement/senior care" with EDC as the leader. Members will consider rewriting the first 2 paragraphs on page 4 to clarify where low impact approaches are recommended and to differentiate the more rural areas of town from the villages.

Economic Development Commission comments: Ms. Bury presented a draft re-write of Chapter 10 that incorporated some of the EDC's suggestions which were preliminarily discussed by the Subcommittee in June. The Subcommittee agreed to eliminate the paragraph on the Perkins Farm/Lattizori Development property on Jerry Browne Road.

Carlene Donnarummo comments: Ms. Donnarummo distributed written comments and stated that she has met with Mr. Brynes to go over recommended edits to the document mostly focusing on grammar and language. Text on page 79 will be reworded to be more accurate. Maps in Chapter 10 will include labels for roads. The Subcommittee agreed to include Ms. Donnarummo's suggested rewrite of the Exit 91 text on page 80 which keeps the same language and intent. The word "however" will not be included in the 1st paragraph. The discussion of Exit 92 on page 81 will mention additional developments that have occurred over the past 10 years. Task 10.4.3 will be backed up in the text. The Subcommittee agreed to change the pictures on page 5 to include photos of downtown Pawcatuck, Old Mystic and a rural area of town.

The next meeting will be Monday August 4th at the Police Station.

Mr. Birmingham motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Grant. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner