

2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee
Draft Minutes
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The 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Regular Meeting on August 18, 2014 7:00PM at the Stonington Police Department Community Meeting Room, 173 S. Broad Street, Pawcatuck.

Attending were members, Walter Grant, Sara Lathrop, Bill Lyman and Bob Mohr. Town Planner, Keith A. Brynes, was also in attendance. Members Bob Birmingham and Wendy Bury were absent.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Lyman motioned to approve the minutes of the 7/28/14 meeting; seconded by Mr. Mohr. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

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

Marsha Standish, Tax Assessor, comments: The Subcommittee agreed to modify Policy 9.3.3 to become a task and reword as "Explore potential enhancement of tax relief programs for older residents." Ms. Standish also submitted an edit of the entire draft plan which will be accommodated into the rewrite of the draft plan. Other comments by Ms. Standish were considered by the Subcommittee during review of verbal comments at the 6/30/14 public informational meeting.

Rick Newton comments: The Subcommittee agreed to add a task recommending formation of a Climate Change Committee/Task Force (which has since been agreed to by the Board of Selectmen). A task will be added to address the recommendations of the DEEP Pawcatuck River Watershed Bacteria TMDL Report. Tasks in the Housing and Economic Development Chapters will be reworded to recommend comprehensively rewriting the Zoning Regulations. Policy 9.1.2 will be reworded to increase housing options for an aging population of all income levels. Other comments by Mr. Newton were considered by the Subcommittee during review of verbal comments at the 6/30/14 public informational meeting.

Bill Sternberg comments: Text of Chapter 11 will be updated to reflect funding received for the K-12 Building Committee. Task 11.1.2 – leader will be changed to the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings. A task 6.3.6 will be added to "investigate a public trail between Pawcatuck and Spellman Park" with the Department of Public Works as leader and Conservation Commission and Bicycle Task Force as partners.

Nancy d'Estang comments: The text of Section 14.2 will include mention of rooftop collection of rainwater and other specific water conservation activities.

Fran Hoffman comments: Text of Section 3.1 will be revised to mention other benefits of coastal resource protection. A task will be added to Section 5.1 to "Create a Watershed Plan to address stormwater management in the Town's various drainage basins," with the Department of Public Works as leader and the Stormwater Taskforce as a partner. Policy 5.1.1 will be reworded to state "...maximize pervious surfaces..." Policy 5.1.6 will be reworded to read "Resurrect and maintain an active Town Stormwater Committee." Policy 5.2.1 will be reworded to read "Require vegetative buffers, swales and

other appropriate drainage diversion and minimization methods to wetland and watercourses to filter pollutants from stormwater runoff.”

Maggie Jones comments: Scenic Resources Map will be updated with current open space locations.

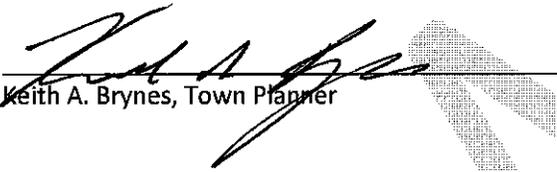
Ms. Lathrop commented that the text of Chapter 7 should mention the preservation efforts of the Mystic River Historical Society and Mystic Seaport as well as the Stonington Historical Society.

The Subcommittee discussed options for review of the revised draft by Planimetrics. /

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Subcommittee’s next meeting will be a Special Meeting on Monday September 8th at Stonington Town Hall. At that meeting, the Subcommittee will decide whether to hold their regularly scheduled September 15th meeting or hold a special meeting on Monday September 29th.

Mr. Lyman motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Grant. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner

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