

Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023

The Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee held a meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023, 5:00PM at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm St., Stonington, CT.

Attending were Chairman / First Selectman, Danielle Chesebrough and members, Virginia Abernathy, Erika Lebling, Ben Philbrick, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Lynn Young and Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner. Members Susan Hibbard, Donald Kluberdanz and John Truscinski were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chesebrough at 5:04PM.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Mr. Philbrick motioned to approved the draft 10/17/22 minutes; seconded by Ms. Pyrke-Fairchild. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion of First Selectman's Implementation Priorities

Ms. Chesebrough asked the Commission which priorities they would like to focus on in 2023. Responses included:

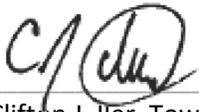
- Addressing sea level rise and affordable housing and the relationship between the two.
- Necessary sewer system upgrades, including coastal resilience measures for the town's most at-risk sewer treatment plants and pump stations.
- Addressing drainage and public parking at the 4th District Voting Hall property.
- Developing the Pawcatuck "circus lot" into a riverfront park; a community conversation with neighbors will be held in February.
- Addressing parking in downtown Mystic; Stonington and Groton are making progress on this issue and a Q&A session is planned for February.
- Addressing traffic safety with CTDOT on Rt. 27.

Mr. Philbrick gave an update on the Planning and Zoning Commission's Zoning Regulation Rewrite project. The Commission is approximately half way through Phase 1 which focuses on reorganizing and clarifying the existing regulations without substantial regulation changes. Ms. Chesebrough stated that a Town Meeting is planned for 2/27/23 which will include several items up for voter approval including creation of a Cultural Coalition for local Arts Districts in Mystic and Stonington Borough, parking ordinance updates, a Short Term Rental Ordinance, and an ordinance to create an Affordable Housing Committee.

The Committee discussed development of the next Plan of Conservation and Development which state statutes require to be complete by 2025. The Department of Planning has submitted a Capital Improvement Request for funding over the next 2 fiscal years to hire a consultant to lead this process. The POCD is the Planning and Zoning Commission's responsibility and they will have to decide whether to lead the project themselves or designate another group, like the POCD Implementation Committee, to guide development of the plan.

Mr. Philbrick motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Chesebrough. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Iler', written over a horizontal line.

Clifton J. Iler, Town Planner