

Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee
Virtual Special Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2021

The Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee held a Virtual Special Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 via WebEx.

Attending were Chairman / First Selectman, Danielle Chesebrough, and members, David Hammond, Susan Hibbard, Donald Kluberanz, Erika Lebling, Ben Philbrick, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, John Truscinski, Lynn Young, and Keith Brynes, Town Planner. Member, Barbara McKrell – Director of Public Works was absent. Town Engineer, Christopher Greenlaw, was also in attendance.

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

Discussion of liaison responsibilities for Committee members:

Mr. Brynes discussed the list of Boards and Commissions that do not currently have liaisons on the POCD Implementation Committee. Another approach would be to split responsibilities based on topics, such as agriculture or transportation. Ms. Hibbard suggested that assignments would be clearer by boards and commissions. Members volunteered to liaisons for boards and commissions as follows:

- Ms. Pyrke-Fairchild – Historical Societies
- Mr. Kluberanz – Police Commission
- Mr. Truscinski – Stormwater Task Force
- Ms. Lebling – Conservation Commission
- Ms. Hibbard – Human Services / Recreation Commission

Mr. Hammond recommended writing to various task leaders to urge action on implementation and ask for their goals for the coming year. Ms. Young stated that this Committee should focus on actively spearheading the implementation of one or two priority items. All members could focus on implementation. Ms. Chesebrough stated that the Committee could prepare a follow up questionnaire to gauge the public's opinions on the 2015 POCD. Mr. Brynes will forward the previous 2013 questionnaire.

Ms. Young stated that several implementation items could be addressed through a comprehensive rewrite of the Zoning Regulations. Funds have been requested through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget process; this Committee could advocate for funding. Ms. Young stated that the Zoning Regulations affect the Town's grand list and touch on many areas including conservation and historic preservation. Position statements could be written by various groups that would benefit from this investment. Ms. Chesebrough and Mr. Brynes will discuss this issue further.

Draft minutes were not reviewed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner