The 1703rd meeting of the Town of Stonington’s Planning and Zoning Commission was held virtually via WebEx on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Chairman Ben Philbrick. Also present for the meeting were Commissioners Ryan Deasy, Fred Deichmann and Chuck Sheehan; Alternates Gary Belke, Andy Meek and Marjorie Selinger; and Town Planner Keith Brynes. Member Lynn Conway was not present.

Discussion of Comprehensive Zoning Rewrite Project with consultant, FHI Studio

Task 1.1 Review relevant plans and documents
Task 1.2 Line by line review of regulations

FHI Studio Project Manager, Francisco Gomes, showed a presentation reviewing existing municipal plans and Zoning Regulations. The presentation reviewed existing zoning districts. General issues with the current regulations were discussed that this project will address. A line by line review of the regulations is about 50% complete. Mr. Gomes reviewed relevant State Statutes that local regulations must comply with. The recommendations in current plans related to the Zoning Regulations were reviewed including the Plan of Conservation and Development, Coastal Resilience Plan, Affordable Housing Plan and Open Space Plan.

Next steps will be for FHI to continue the line by line review of the regulations, identify issues raised by this review that require Commission discussion and to prepare sample document outlines and formats.

The next virtual Commission meeting on this topic will be Tuesday 9/27.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM.

Lynn Conway, Secretary