

**Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2018**

The Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee held a regular meeting on Monday, April 2, 2018, at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington.

Attending were Chairman, Rob Simmons, David Hammond, Bill Lyman, Curtis Lynch, Stuart Schwartzstein, Barbara McKrell – Director of Public Works and Keith A. Brynes – Town Planner. Also in attendance was Director of Planning, Jason Vincent. Members, Bryan Bentz and Michael Schefers were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons at 6:02PM.

Mr. Lynch motioned to amend the agenda to discuss Item 8, Scheduling of Future Meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schwartzstein and unanimously approved.

Discussion of Future Meeting Dates:

Mr. Simmons stated that the current meeting schedule has not been working well for members. There is an ongoing conflict with the Mystic River Boathouse Park Committee. Mr. Lyman suggested holding quarterly meetings. Consensus of the Committee was that meetings should be held quarterly on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:00PM at Town Hall. Meetings for 2018 will include Monday June 18th and Monday September 17th. No meeting will be held in December. A revised Regular Meeting Schedule will be filed with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Lynch motioned to approve the changes to the 2018 meeting schedule; seconded by Mr. Schwartzstein. The motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes:

Mr. Lyman motioned to approve the minutes of the 12/4/17 meeting as corrected; seconded by Mr. Schwartzstein. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion of First Selectman's Priorities:

Mr. Simmons summarized POCD tasks that are his implementation priorities for the next year (these are not all tasked to the Board of Selectmen).

- 3.3.10 regarding creation of Climate Change Impact Report. This item has been completed and the report has been adopted as an appendix to the POCD. A line item for coastal resilience funding was submitted as part of the Capital Improvement Program but funding appears unlikely due to budget needs. Next step is to seek additional funding in next year's budget and through other sources.
- 4.1.2 regarding formation of an Agricultural and Aquacultural Commission. Since there are few resources and volunteers for a new committee, EDC has created a subcommittee to tackle these issues. Mr. Simmons stated that he, along with local fishermen, had a productive meeting with DEEP officials regarding regulatory issues. EDC recently held a well attended forum on shell fishing. Next step is for EDC to further address these issues.
- 8.1.6 and 8.1.7 recommending development of plans for the W. Broad Street school and School Administration Building. Mr. Simmons stated that the Board of Selectmen motioned to investigate these issues. As a next step, the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use

of Town Public Buildings can be reconstituted and their mission can be updated to address this issue.

- 10.1.4 recommending bringing a 100+ employer to Town. The Perkins Farm development plans could fulfill this goal. Mr. Simmons discussed the Town's positive grand list growth. Next step – EDC can address this issue.
- 13.2.10 regarding installation of sidewalks east of the high school. A significant grant was awarded by the State, but due to the State budget situation no funds have materialized. A Capital Improvement Program request to fund sidewalks appears to not be included in the coming year's budget. Ongoing private development along Rt. 1 in Pawcatuck is adding sidewalks in some areas. Next steps include seeking additional funding to implement this goal.
- 14.6.3 regarding FEMA accreditation of the Mechanic St. flood control barrier. Additional funding has been included in the current Capital Improvement Program to implement this task.

Several members had to depart the meeting and additional agenda items were not discussed.

Mr. Lyman motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Hammond. Motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner