

**Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 7, 2017**

The Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee held a regular meeting on Monday, August 7, 2017, at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons at 6:04PM.

*Minutes:*

Mr. Lyman motioned to approve the minutes of the 4/3/17 meeting; seconded by Mr. Mastroianni. 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. The Town's Coastal Resilience Plan is nearing completion and the Town will need to seek funding for more detailed engineering studies to implement certain resilience measures.
- 4.1.2 regarding formation of an Agricultural and Aquacultural Commission. Since there are few resources and volunteers for a new committee, EDC can create a subcommittee to tackle these issues.
- 5.2.4 recommending clarification of land use regulations regarding buffers from natural resources.
- 7.2.9 and 7.3.2 recommending a review of regulations dealing with the impact of development on historic and archaeological resources.
- 8.1.6 and 8.1.7 recommending development of plans for the W. Broad Street school and School Administration Building.
- 10.1.4 recommending bringing a 100+ employer to Town. The Perkins Farm development plans would fulfil this goal.
- 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.
- 14.6.3 regarding FEMA accreditation of the Mechanic St. flood control barrier. Some funding has been included in the current Capital Improvement Program to implement this task.

Mr. Simmons departed and Vice Chair, Lyman led the meeting.

*Discussion of Implementation Progress:*

Mr. Hammond summarized progress related to Agricultural issues. Mr. Hammond stated that Ward Smith has stepped down as a member of the Implementation Committee but will continue working on agricultural issues for EDC.

Mr. Lyman summarized progress on Natural Resource and Open Space issues. The Conservation Commission has begun meeting again with new members. That Commission is considering combining development of a natural resource inventory with development of an Open Space Plan.

Mr. Schwartzstein summarized progress on housing issues. A new zone for Downtown Pawcatuck is being considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Tax incentives for developing housing over commercial spaces was discussed as well as the possibility of Tax Increment Financing.

Mr. Hammond summarized progress on business related issues. A draft of reformatted, user-friendly zoning regulations will be completed by the end of the year. EDC and the Department of Planning have been holding "Community Conversations" in different neighborhoods about land use and other issues.

Mr. Schwartzstein summarized progress on POCD Chapters 11-14. The Committee discussed tasks related to bike and pedestrian planning and infrastructure. Mr. Schwartzstein may speak to the Police Commission (Local Traffic Authority) on this issue. The Implementation Committee may invite an expert speaker from UCONN to hold a lecture in Town on stormwater management and coastal waters. The Committee discussed the new "MS-4" stormwater requirements imposed by the State. The Town Engineer will be invited to the next meeting to discuss this issue.

*Consideration of new POCD tasks:*

Mr. Vincent summarized the steps for adoption of new tasks to the POCD and distributed forms for several ideas that have been proposed. No decisions were made on new tasks. Mr. Lyman recommended that members think about who should be the liaisons and task leaders and act at the next meeting. Mr. Vincent stated that in 20 years of professional planning practice, this is the most impressive implementation of a POCD that he has witnessed. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 10/2/17.

Mr. Mastroianni motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Schwartzstein. Motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00PM at Stonington Town Hall. Mr. Mastroianni motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Schwartzstein. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner