

Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2018

The Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee held a regular meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018, at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons at 5:02PM.

Minutes:

Mr. Lyman motioned to approve the minutes of the 4/2/18 meeting; seconded by Mr. Schefers. 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).

- 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. Local farmers have also been meeting privately to advance agriculture. Mr. Simmons stated that due to this progress, the formation of a separate commission is longer one of his priorities.
- 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. The South Pier and Breakwater restoration projects have begun with firms selected to design solutions.
- 8.1.6 and 8.1.7 recommending development of plans for the W. Broad Street school and School Administration Building. A possibility is selling the West Broad St. School to St. Michael's Church.
- 10.1.4 recommending bringing a 100+ employer to Town. The Committee discussed recent economic development proposals and better ways to measure economic growth.
- 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.

Discussion of plan implementation to date including Progress Report:

Mr. Lyman discussed progress with tasks related to coastal and natural resources and open space. Mr. Schefers stated that the Stonington Historical Society is in the process of developing a strategic plan which will help prioritize and implement tasks including development of a historic resource inventory.

Consideration of New Tasks:

Mr. Lynch withdrew his request to consider a task to establish a community health center.

Mr. Vincent discussed several tasks where the Department of Planning is listed as the task "lead," but the Planning and Zoning Commission would be the more appropriate leader since they set priorities. Mr. Lyman motioned to recommend changing the task leader from the Department of Planning to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Task #'s 3.3.4, 3.3.6, 3.3.7 and 3.3.8; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion was unanimously approved. Next step is for the Planning and Zoning Commission to endorse the change.

Mr. Vincent described the request to add 3 separate tasks to Chapter 7 of the POCD to "seek State and/or National Register of Historic Places designation for eligible properties" in Pawcatuck Village, Old Mystic and Wequetequock Cove.

Mr. Schefers motioned to add new Tasks #7.2.10, 7.2.11 & 7.2.12 to the Plan of Conservation with Stonington Historical Society as the Task Leader; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion was unanimously approved.


Discussion of FY 2020 Capital Improvement Program:

Mr. Vincent described the Capital Improvement Program process. The Committee will have the opportunity to review Dept. of Planning requests.

Mr. Brynes will contact members with potential dates for the next meeting and develop a Regular Meeting Schedule for 2019.

Mr. Lyman motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Schefers. Motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner