

**Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 2, 2107**

The Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee held a regular meeting on Monday, October 2, 2017, at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington.

Attending were Chairman, Rob Simmons, David Hammond, Bill Lyman, Michael Schefers. Also in attendance: Barbara McKrell – Director of Public Works Director of Planning and Jason Vincent. Members, Ben Baldwin, Bryan Bentz, Stuart Schwartzstein, Shaun Mastroianni and Curtis Lynch were absent. **A quorum was not obtained, so no business could be transacted.** What transpired was a general update of activity since the last meeting. No votes were taken.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons at 6:05 pm.

*Minutes:*

No action taken.

*Discussion of First Selectman's Priorities:*

Mr. Simmons POCD task priorities were assembled in a table and handed out to members. There was some discussion about the next steps for the Coastal Resiliency Report, since it is not presently an adopted policy document of the Town. It was agreed that this report should be transmitted to the Board of Selectmen for review and endorsement, then to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration as an amendment to the Plan of Conservation and Development. If adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission, policies and tasks would then be tracked by this committee. But for adoption as a Plan amendment, this report is likely to just sit on a shelf, as it is solely a collection of ideas without any validation from community leaders. [POST MEETING EDITOR'S NOTE: Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-23(g) outlines the process for the adoption of, or an amendment to, the Plan of Conservation and Development. The Department of Planning will administer this process for this report, to determine whether it is worthy of adoption.]

There was some discussion about the implementation of the Agriculture / Aquaculture committee within the Economic Development Commission (EDC), and whether a subcommittee could consist of non-EDC members. Per the town attorney, it cannot. EDC will have to access how to deal with this determination as it works to find additional partners to assist with implementation.

*Discussion of Implementation Progress:*

Mr. Lyman summarized progress on Natural Resource (natural resource inventory) and Open Space (update plan) issues.

Mr. Schefers summarized progress for historic and scenic resources. Rob Simmons suggested that the Beautification Committee be approached to provide assistance. All remarked on the quality of the murals in Pawcatuck.

Mr. Hammond summarized progress related to Agricultural issues

Mr. Hammond summarized progress on business related issues.

Mr. Simmons departed at 6:50 pm and Vice Chair, Lyman led the meeting.

*Consideration of new POCD Ideas:*

No action taken

*New POCD Assessment:*

No action taken

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12/4/2017 6:00 pm at Stonington Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Jason Vincent, Director of Planning