

Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016

The Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee held a special meeting on Monday, October 3, 2016, at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Simmons at 7:02PM.

Minutes:

Mr. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the 7/11/16 meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence from Wood-Pawcatuck Association dated 8/22/16 regarding potential modifications to support formulation of a Wild and Scenic Rivers Management Plan for the Pawcatuck River and its tributaries:

Mr. Lynch motioned to instruct the First Selectman to write a letter of general support to distribute to the Committee; motion seconded by Mr. Lyman. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion of plan implementation to date including Progress Report:

Mr. Simmons summarized the progress report dated 9/12/16 and stated that much local progress does not appear in the report because it does not fit into the specific tasks outlined in the POCD.

Mr. Lynch suggested that local projects could be added as tasks by the committee. The column titled “comments” should include “status” and “next steps” to enable better monitoring of progress.

Mr. Simmons reviewed the high priority items summarized in the progress report. Mr. Smith described EDC’s work with local fishermen and suggested that formation of a separate Agricultural Commission would facilitate implementation of plan tasks. Mr. Simmons will place discussion of the formation of an Agricultural Commission on a future Board of Selectmen meeting.

Mr. Lyman suggested that most “partially addressed tasks” could be summarized as “consolidated tasks” since most of them fall under a broader effort such as the comprehensive zoning rewrite. Mr. Lynch recommended the organization in his earlier table.

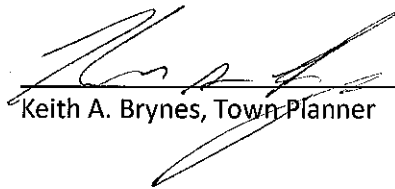
The Committee discussed the Climate Change Task Force’s request regarding task 3.3.10. Mr. Lyman motioned to have the Department of Planning, rather than the Climate Change Task Force, be the leader for task 3.3.10 regarding preparation of a Coastal Resilience Plan since the department is managing a grant to prepare such a plan; motion seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed efforts to update the Open Space Plan. The Conservation Commission has cancelled several meetings due to quorum issues. Mr. Lynch suggested that the Conservation Commission set a target date for completion of the plan.

The next meeting will be Monday December 5th at 6:00PM at a location to be determined. The next regular meeting scheduled for November 7th will not take place.

Mr. Lynch motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Schefers. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner