

**Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2020**

The Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020 at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington.

Attending were Chairman, Danielle Chesebrough and members, Bill Lyman, Curtis Lynch, Stuart Schwartzstein, Ben Philbrick, David Hammond, Lynn Young, John Truscinski, Fran Hoffman, Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner, and Barbara McKrell, Director of Public Works.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chesebrough at 5:00PM.

Minutes:

Ms. Young motioned to approve the minutes of the 9/16/19 meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion of First Selectman's Priorities:

Ms. Chesebrough discussed her initial implementation priorities going forward including:

- Task 10.1.4 – To attract a 100+ employer to town. Although this has been met with Hartford Health Care and the addition of Electric Boat employees to the Eagle Park office space near Exit 92, this should continue to be a goal.
- Policy 3.3.1 to adapt to sea level rise and Task 3.3.10 to identify climate-related vulnerabilities and issue a report with recommendations. While the report has been completed, implementing its recommendations are a priority. The Committee discussed the goal of setting aside annual funding for coastal adaptation measures.
- Policy 13.2.4 to implement the Town's Complete Streets Resolution. This resolution, adopted in 2008, balances vehicular transportation with pedestrian and bicycle transportation needs in road design and/or reconstruction projects. A local committee could be formed to address this goal and develop a local bike / pedestrian master plan, continuing the work of the recent SCOGG Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan.
- Policy 5.1.1 to encourage Low Impact Development (LID) standards for site designs that promote infiltration of stormwater and related task 5.1.14 to consider the formation of a municipal stormwater utility. A consulting firm is currently investigating possible LID projects on municipal land and changes to Zoning and Technical Standards documents to address new "MS-4" stormwater requirements.
- Tasks 9.3.4 and 10.2.5 to comprehensively update the Zoning Regulations to also incorporate sustainability and other goals.

Mr. Lyman stated that the Committee could add new tasks if they are needed to better address the POCD's policies.

Discussion of Plan Implementation to Date Including Progress Report:

Ms. Hoffman stated that a group of local farmers that has been meeting to identify common issues and opportunities. A Capital Improvement Plan request has been submitted to set aside funds annually for open space preservation. Mr. Hammond discussed working with the Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition on their formation of a regional cultural district and the EDC's recent Community Conversation on a

vision for Downtown Pawcatuck. Mr. Brynes stated that funding has been established to develop preliminary engineering for sidewalks along Rt. 1 in Pawcatuck.

Discussion of Improvements to Committee Communication:

The Committee discussed meeting more frequently; agendas could be shorter and focus on differentiating tasks that are "low hanging fruit" vs. long term goals. Members decided to hold a Special Meeting on a Monday in late February / early March. Date to be determined and posted.

Mr. Lyman motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner