

**2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2014**

The 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Regular Meeting on April 7, 2014 7:00PM at the Stonington Police Department meeting room - 173 S. Broad St. Pawcatuck.

Attending were members Bob Birmingham, Wendy Bury, Walter Grant, Sara Lathrop and Bob Mohr. Member Bill Lyman was absent. Planning and Zoning Commission member, Curtis Lynch, and Town Planner, Keith A. Brynes were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lathrop at 7:00PM.

Minutes:

Ms. Bury motioned to approve the minutes of the 3/31/14 meeting; seconded by Mr. Grant. The motion was approved 5-0.

Old Business:

Ms. Lathrop discussed a proposed timeframe for adoption of the POCD. A public informational meeting would be held in late June and the POCD would be adopted by PZC by the end of December.

The Subcommittee discussed a quote for services from Planimetrics to prepare a 2nd draft and hold the public informational meeting for \$6,000. Ms. Bury motioned to approve entering into a contract with Planimetrics with the condition that the draft is submitted by April 18th; seconded by Mr. Birmingham. The motion was approved 5-0.

New Business:

Mr. Grant presented changes to the 2007 Open Space Plan prepared by the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission has requested that the updated Open Space Plan be adopted as an appendix to the 2014 POCD. The Conservation Commission proposes changing the name to the "Plan of Conservation and Open Space." Ms. Bury stated that the draft Open Space Plan was not ready to be part of the adoption process based on the Subcommittee's timeframe. Many changes are incomplete and there are inconsistencies with the draft POCD that would need to be addressed. Ms. Lathrop stated that the draft POCD can reference the document but not incorporate it as an appendix at this time. The Subcommittee agreed with this conclusion. Mr. Brynes stated that the PZC could adopt the revised Open Space Plan as an appendix to the POCD at a later date as was the case when it was adopted in 2007. If the PZC does not agree to adopt the Open Space Plan it will only serve as a guidance document for the Conservation Commission. Mr. Lynch stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission supports the Subcommittee's authorship of the document. Members stated that changing the name to the "Plan of Conservation and Open Space" will cause confusion with the "Plan of Conservation and Development."

Ms. Lathrop motioned to eliminate the 2nd paragraph of Chapter 6 of the POCD; seconded by Mr. Birmingham. The motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Brynes distributed a draft of the Future Land Use Plan. Mr. Lynch suggested that the Future Land Use Plan could include its own policies and tasks. Mr. Birmingham stated that the POCD should include definitions of "policy" and "task." Ms. Lathrop stated that Planimetrics should point out instances where POCD text needs a recommendation. Ms. Lathrop will attend the Board of Finance Public Hearing to recommend funding for the Planning Director position.

Ms. Bury motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Mohr. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner