

# July 5, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Land Use Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Ms. Roberts, Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Frank, Ms. Gager, Ms. Jahnke

**Members Absent:**

**Alternates Present:** Mr. Carey, Ms. Braverman, Mr. Osborne

**Alternates Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Shelley White

**Also Present:**

Ms. Roberts called the Meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Seated: Roberts, Frank, Rimsky, Jahnke, Gager

## REGULAR MEETING

### Consideration of the Minutes

The minutes of June 7, 2011 were considered.

Motion:

to accept the June 7, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Planning Commission as submitted, by Ms. Gager, seconded by Ms. Jahnke, passed by 5-0 vote.

### New Applications

There were no new applications.

### Other Business

#### Plan of Conservation and Development:

Ms. Jahnke and Ms. Braverman stated that they have notified members of the POCD Subcommittee regarding a POCD Subcommittee meeting in August and that they would like them to continue to review the 2003 POCD on their own and consider topics that could be deleted from, addressed more thoroughly, and/or added to, the updated POCD. All Land Use Committee Chairpersons will be notified when the meeting is scheduled.

The Commission briefly discussed the possibility of purchasing an electronic copy of the POCD. It was the consensus of the Planning Commission that this would be money well spent.

Mr. Carey stated that he has reviewed the current POCD and feels that the priorities of the Town have not changed but they need to consider where to place the emphasis.

Mr. Rimsky submitted a preliminary Timeline for Refinement of POCD. There was a discussion regarding public outreach and input. He stated that he would make a more detailed timeline and bring it to the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Mr. Carey stated that the issues the Town is facing could not be resolved by planning alone. Ms. Jahnke stated that the Planning Commission should acknowledge the issues. The Commission discussed different reasons as to why young families are not choosing to live in Washington and the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Carey stated that a member from the Steep Rock Association would come to a Planning Commission Meeting to show the most updated map of protected land in the Town.

Revision of the Subdivision Regulations:

Ms. Hill sent an email with the proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulations. Mr. Frank stated that he looked at them and made a few changes and that he would sit down with Ms. Hill to go over the changes. He stated that he felt there should be a consistent use of terms throughout the document and some terms need to be defined.

Ms. Gager stated that the Planning Commissions goal would be to have a public hearing in November so that the Revised Subdivision Regulations would be in effect by January 2012.

Mr. Frank stated that he would bring any content changes in the Subdivision Regulations back to the Planning Commission for discussion.

**Communications**

There were no communications to discuss.

**Public Comment**

No one from the public was present.

**Adjournment**

Motion:

to adjourn at 8:55 pm by Ms. Gager, seconded by Ms. Jahnke.

Ms. Roberts adjourned the meeting.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley White, Land Use Clerk