

August 2, 2011

7:30 p.m. Land Use Meeting Room

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

Members Absent: Ms. Gager,

Alternates Present: Mr. Carey, Ms. Braverman

Alternates Absent: Mr. Osborne

Staff Present: Shelley White, Janet Hill

Ms. Roberts called the Meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Seated: Roberts, Frank, Rimsky, Jahnke, Carey, Alt.

Consideration of the Minutes

The minutes of July 5, 2011 were considered.

Motion:

to accept the July 5, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Planning Commission as submitted, by Mr. Frank, seconded by Mr. Carey, 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 would like to have a meeting with the POCD Subcommittee members at the end of August and that they would like to meet with Mr. Carey to go over his comments and editing of the Subdivision Regulations. Ms. Roberts stated that she would like to assign a chapter of the POCD to members to edit and comment on. Ms. Hill stated that this could be step 1 and the next step would be to discuss relevant additions to the POCD.

Mr. Rimsky distributed a blank timeline that he created for the Commissioners to use as a planning tool in this revision process.

Mr. Carey stated that he during his personal editing of the current POCD; he condensed some chapters and dissolved what is irrelevant. He stated that he has concerns about including maximum build out of the community, economic development and commenting on the regional school issue in the revision of the POCD. Mr. Frank stated that the Planning Commission should address these issues because they are legitimate concerns of the community. Ms. Hill stated that she thinks that the Planning Commission could make recommendations for economic development. Mr. Rimsky stated that he feels that the economic development should not just focus on the town centers but the whole community.

Mr. Frank stated that the Connecticut State Statute regarding Plans of Conservation and Development contains a statement that the plans "shall cover is a statement of the policies goals and standards for the physical and economic development of a municipality." Mr. Carey stated that the recommendations should be concise and contemporary.

The Commission and Ms. Hill assigned Commission Members to each chapter of the current POCD.

Chapter 3 – Preserving Rural Character – Gager

Chapter 4 – Enhance Village Centers – Rimsky

Chapter 5 – Guide Housing Development – Braverman

Chapter 6 – Address Other Community Issues –

Jahnke -

Address Community Facility Issues

Maintain Town Roads

Consider Future Utility Needs

Frank -

Cooperate with Private Educational Institutions

Address Telecommunications Issues

Maintain and Enhance Community Spirit

The Commission had a brief discussion regarding ridgeline control.

The Commission discussed the participation and input from other the other Town entities in the revision of the POCD. Ms. Braverman and Ms. Jahnke agreed that Tuesday, September 27th at 1 pm, the POCD Subcommittee would meet in the Land Use Meeting Room. At this meeting, they would like to have a report from each of the commission's representatives as to what their group feels needs to be considered in the revision of the POCD.

Revision of the Subdivision Regulations:

Mr. Frank stated that he has gone through the latest draft of the Subdivision Regulations and has made comments and corrections and would like to discuss his changes with Ms. Hill.

Mr. Frank discussed some the major issues he found in his review of the Subdivision Regulations.

Communications

There were no communications to discuss.

Public Comment

No one from the public was present.

Adjournment

Motion:

to adjourn at 9:00 pm

by Mr. Rimsky, seconded by Ms. Braverman.

Ms. Roberts adjourned the meeting.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley White, Land Use Clerk