East Hampton Planning & Zoning Commission

Special Meeting POCD Workshop Minutes

Date: February 11, 2016

Location: East Hampton Middle School Library/Media Center

Time: 7:00pm

Members Present: Chairman Ray Zatorski, Vice Chairman Kevin Kuhr, James Sennett, Meg Wright, Ray Gauthier, Gary Hall, Rowland Rux, and Jason Jozefiak

Guests: Alana Cushow, George Cushow, Sack Soloman, IWWA Chairman Jeffrey Foran, Planning and Zoning Official Jeremy DeCarli

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ray Zatorski called the meeting to Order at 7:00pm.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Discussion: Revisions to the Plan of Conservation and Development

Mr. Zatorski explained that the purpose of the meeting was to gain information and have a discussion regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development for the Town of East Hampton. The current POCD is due to expire June 30 and must be updated prior to that date to remain in compliance with State statutes. Mr. Zatorski then turned the floor over to the P&Z Official Jeremy DeCarli.

Mr. DeCarli explained the process for updating the POCD, including the timeline. He explained that tonight's workshop would concern housing and transportation followed by two more workshops over the next three weeks. Following a brief slideshow presentation there was discussion regarding the current housing stock in East Hampton and future needs. Discussion included apartment style housing and updates to the zoning regulations over the past few years which have allowed new types of housing in town. Discussion also included incentivizing develops to use the Open Space Subdivision when subdividing property.

A discussion regarding transportation followed concerning the need for better transit connections to Hartford considering the amount of parking available at the Marlborough Park & Ride facility. There was also discussion regarding bike lanes, connections to the Airline Trail, and connections throughout town. Discussion also included concerns with intersections at Route 66, the timing of traffic lights, and connections between properties to eliminate the need for multiple turns onto and off from Route 66 in the commercial zone.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.