

East Hampton Planning & Zoning Commission
Special Meeting
POCD Workshop
Minutes

Date: February 18, 2016
Location: East Hampton Middle School Library/Media Center
Time: 7:00pm

Members Present: Chairman Ray Zatorski, James Sennett, Meg Wright

Guests: IWWA Chairman Jeffrey Foran, ZBA Member Sal Nucifora, and 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 infrastructure and economic development followed by one more workshops next week. Following a brief slideshow presentation there was discussion regarding the infrastructure in East Hampton and future needs. Discussion included the ability for added sewer connections due to the excess treatment capacity at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Discussion also included the need for a community water system. A Water Supply Plan was developed in 2004 but no action has been taken. The Water Supply Taskforce has put together a Request for Interested Parties to work with the town on developing a water system. Results will be discussed at their next meeting. Members present talked about the need for water and that development in town is stymied by the lack of clean water, particularly in the Village Center. There was discussion concerning the industrial zones and commercial zones near the Village Center, the current infrastructure in place and how to develop those areas.

Discussion then turned to Economic Development and the need to encourage more recreational opportunities in town which would bring tourists from other areas. There was much discussion about a recommendation from the 2006 plan to attract a golf course. It was decided that the Town should encourage not just golf courses, but focus on all types of recreational activities and seek grant funds to connect the Airline Trail to Portland and increase signage to and from the trail for out-of-town users.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.