

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission assures that subdivision of land is part of the orderly growth and development of the Town of Old Saybrook, as envisioned in the Plan of Conservation & Development. Among the many natural resources found in Old Saybrook, the Planning Commission evaluates the planning, design and development of all subdivisions affecting coastal resources to determine consistency of the proposed activities with the goals and policies of the Connecticut Coastal Management Act. In the past year, the Commission reviewed and acted upon proposals for 13 subdivisions, re-subdivisions or lot line changes – an 86% increase in activity from the previous year.

The Planning Commission also has the responsibility for administering the Town's Plan of Conservation & Development. The Commission has undertaken the immense task of updating the Plan and initiating new studies where appropriate. This responsibility includes finding consistency between the Plan and all proposals for municipal improvements, special exception zoning permits, and changes in the zoning regulations or map. In the past year, the Planning Commission reviewed and made recommendations on proposals for 4 municipal improvements, 8 special exception zoning permits, and 5 changes in the zoning regulations.

The Planning Commission continues to encourage cooperation, engage communication, and promote efficiency on an intra-municipal basis through its public hearings and its work with the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Commission, the Conservation Commission, and the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Planning Commission consists of five elected members and three alternates and meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Middle School.

**Judith S. Gallicchio**, *Chairman*