

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission is composed of five regular members and three alternates. The Commission is responsible for keeping current the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. The Plan is a statement of goals, policies, municipal improvements, programs and standards, portions of which were updated as recently as 2006. The Commission meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month with the exception of July and August, when there is only one meeting, on the first floor of the Town Hall on Sheffield Street in Old Saybrook. Proposals for major developments and town improvements are presented to the Commission and are evaluated by the board for consistency with various plans of the Town.

In the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the Commission received no referrals for approval of municipal improvements, but 18 referrals from the Zoning Commission for special exceptions applications and 7 referrals for approval for proposed amendments the Zoning Regulations. The Commission acted upon 1 proposal to modify a previously approved subdivision, 1 to modify a previously approved special exception for open space subdivision, and 1 to re-subdivide land. The Commission amended its Subdivision Regulations to remove inconsistencies or redundancies with its newly adopted Regulations for Public Improvements, which can be found on the Town's website along with our other resources. The Commission also considered and acted upon a violation of a conservation easement. Joanne Rynecki supports us as our administrative clerk.

In addition to its regular duties, the Commission was involved in a workshop regarding the consolidation of the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency with Midstate RPA. The Commission works closely with other elected boards and commissions. Presently, the Chairman represents the Commission on the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission; Robert D. Missel serves on the Land Acquisition Committee; and Richard D. Tietjen is the Commission's representative to the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency. The Commission would like to thank all three for their service and dedication.

**Robert J. McIntyre**, Chairman