

STONINGTON PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

Special Meeting July 26, 2010  
Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378 11:00 am

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Members present: William Abt, Katherine Robinson, Sheila Lyons, and Sara Lathrop. William Haase, Director of Planning and Keith Byrnes, Town Planner were also present. Edward Habarek, First Selectman, attended briefly.

Chairman Robinson called meeting to order at 11:10 am.

Draft minutes for the December 17, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved. The draft minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting were corrected to eliminate the Call to Order being made by Mr. Copp, who did not attend the meeting. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

Mr. Haase began the discussion of the 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development by referring the committee to his memorandum to them dated June 29, 2010. He reiterated that there appears to be no possibility of local funds being budgeted for the completion of the 2014 POCD with the possible exception of graphics and printing costs. Therefore, all work done on the Plan will have to be produced in-house utilizing current staff.

Mrs. Lyons stated that a full-blown Plan is not needed, rather an update of the current 2004 Plan. Mr. Abt indicated his desire to identify issues needing consideration even if no answers are currently available. Mr. Haase agreed, but cautioned that the issues should be those that impact Stonington only, not adjoining Towns.

Mr. Haase proposed that the Implementation Committee shift gears to focus on a new vision for the 2014 Plan to begin the update. Mrs. Robinson questioned whether the Selectmen should request this change of direction. Mrs. Lyons cautioned the Committee to not lose focus of the outstanding areas of concern in the current Plan when moving on to the 2014 Plan.

Mr. Habarek joined the meeting and, after discussion, indicated his support for Mr. Haase's proposal by offering to prepare a letter to the Committee enlarging their responsibility to include working toward the 2014 POCD.

After further discussion, it was decided that the next meeting of the Committee be held on September 3 at 11:00 am. Before that meeting, all members agreed to review the list prepared by Mr. Byrnes re: each Town commission and the list of specific recommendations under their jurisdiction to come up with one or two areas to recommend being addressed by each Commission. These would be reviewed and compiled at the September meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm by Chairman Robinson.

Next meeting to be held Friday, September 3, 2010 at 11:00 am in the first floor meeting room of the Stonington Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted.

Sara H. Lathrop, Secretary

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