

The 1427<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town of Stonington's Planning and Zoning Commission was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at Mystic Middle School, 204 Mistuxet Avenue, Mystic. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Swenarton at 7:02 p.m. Commissioners Lynda Trebisacci, Bob Mercer and Ben Tamsky, Alternate Gardner Young, Town Planner Keith Brynes, and Director of Planning Bill Haase were present. Commissioner Paul Holland and Alternate Rob Marseglia were absent.

Seated for the meeting were Mr. Young, Mrs. Trebisacci, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Swenarton, and Mr. Tamsky.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Mercer made a motion to approve as amended, the minutes of August 17, 2010. Mr. Tamsky seconded. The motion was approved 4-0-1.

Roll Call: Young - approve, Mercer - approve, Swenarton - approve, Tamsky – approve, Trebisacci - abstain

**Correspondence:**

Mr. Haase informed the Commission that due to lack of funding, the 2014 POCD would need to be done in house rather than with a consulting firm. A preliminary discussion for developing a plan of action for updating the POCD would be put on the September 21<sup>st</sup> agenda.

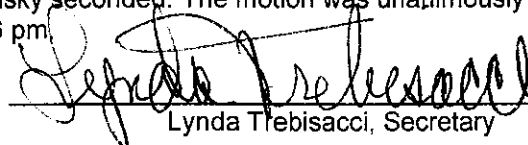
**Reports - Commission:**

As the goal of the night's meeting was to enable Staff to draft a regulation amendment for submittal to the Commission, Chairman Swenarton suggested reviewing the draft signage regulations item by item, with discussion limited to the Commission. Any public comment would be heard at the Public Hearing.

Mr. Haase read each proposed regulation change, quickly covering those where there had been no previous issue or concern. The proposed changes warranting discussion and reaching consensus included the following:

- Internal Use – Adopt Commissioner Holland's language of 1.2.2
- Special Banners – Delete *Special Banners* from residential zones
- 7.12.1.4 Purpose – Replace "Effectiveness in fulfilling intended advertising purposes..." with "Effectively helping people find what they need without difficulty or confusion."
- 7.12.2.1.1 Vehicles – Get recommendations from ZEO Larkin regarding placement of registered vehicles used as signs (Jake's Burgers)
- 7.12.3.1 Internal Illumination – Add 15% back in area as defined in 7.12.2.5
- 7.12.3.2 External Illumination – Adopt language as proposed in draft
- 7.12.5.9 Temporary Portable – Research what neighboring towns (Groton & Westerly) allow
- 7.12.7.1.2 Wall Sign Calculations – Retain current text
- 7.12.7.1.4 Special Wall Sign – Change allowed zones, switch DB-5 & M-1
- 7.12.7.1.5 Awning Sign – Measure as "sign area"
- 7.12.7.1.8 Open Flag – Adopt language as proposed in draft
- 7.12.7.2 Detached Signs – No individual tenant sign shall be greater than 18 square feet. Increase to 24 square feet for two (2) businesses on sign.
- 7.12.7.2.4 Special Detached Signs – Shall be 15' in all allowed zones. Combine text & table with HI-60, change NDD.
- 7.12.7.4 Internal Use – Adopt Commissioner Holland's language and limit to 10 square feet
- 7.12.9 Reserved – Delete "Reserved" Table will be 7.12.9.
- Political Signs – Remove "5 days after election"
- Open Sign – Add "or impediment"

Mrs. Trebisacci made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tamsky seconded. The motion was unanimously approved, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 pm.

  
Lynda Trebisacci, Secretary