

**2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2012**

The 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission held its September 10, 2012 Special Meeting at 7:00PM in the Stonington Human Services Building meeting room at 166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT. Attending were members Bob Birmingham, Wendy Bury, Walter Grant, Jim Kelley, Sara Lathrop, Bill Lyman, Robert Mohr, Alisa Morrison and John Prue. Town Planner Keith A. Brynes was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Ms. Bury motioned to approve the draft minutes of the 8/6/12 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lathrop and was approved unanimously.

The Subcommittee heard from Professor Peter Miniutti of UCONN's Community Research Design Collaborative on consulting services that could be provided. Mr. Miniutti referenced the Lands of Unique Values Study prepared for East Lyme. The Collaborative does not write POCD's but provides detailed analysis of land use trends, area and design studies. Services are cheaper than consultants with no extra fees for materials or printing. A minimum of 1 year would be needed to prepare a study similar to East Lyme's. Mr. Miniutti will review our current POCD and related documents and get back to the group with different options for services. The Subcommittee discussed whether consultant services would be needed.

The Commission discussed ongoing efforts to gather input from other boards and commissions. The Conservation Commission and Mystic Harbor Management Commission have begun discussing the relevance of the 2004 strategies. The Stonington Harbor Management Commission is completing its own plan in October and will offer input at that time. The Pawcatuck Harbor Management Commission has disbanded. The WPCA will be discussing the POCD during their September meeting.

Ms. Bury distributed the framework for a Gap Analysis for the POCD. Members can fill in the blanks on Google Docs. Mr. Lyman distributed a draft of an updated framework for the 2014 Plan to guide future revisions. Mr. Prue suggested that different members should volunteer to be "team leaders" for different chapters. Team leaders for different sections were decided as follows:

- Section 3.1 Coastal Resources – Bob Birmingham
- Section 3.2 Agricultural Land – John Prue
- Section 3.3 Water Resources – Alisa Morrison
- Section 3.4 Open Space – Walter Grant
- Section 4. Historical and Special Resource Conservation – Bill Lyman
- Section 5. Residential Housing Development – Jim Kelley

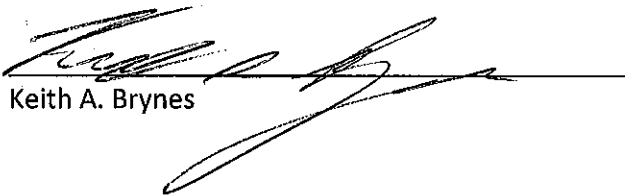
- Section 6. Commercial and Industrial Development – Wendy Bury
- Section 7. Community Services and Facilities – Sara Lathrop
- Section 8. Circulation and Transportation – Robert Mohr

Mr. Brynes discussed holding an initial public input session to help guide the group's work. Thursday 10/25/12 was chosen as a date at a location to be determined. The main purposes of the hearing will be to get people's input on what goals in the 2004 should be revised or kept and to try and establish priorities. A questionnaire could be developed for attendees.

The next Subcommittee meeting will be 10/1/12 at the Police Station. Members will look for what needs to be done in their designated sections of the plan before the next meeting.

Mr. Prue motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Morrison seconded. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Keith A. Brynes