2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee Special Meeting Minutes April 1, 2013

The 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission held its April1, 2013, Special Meeting at 7:00 at the Stonington Police Station Meeting Room - 173 Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT. Attending were members Wendy Bury, Walter Grant, Sara Lathrop, Bill Lyman, Robert Mohr, John Prue, and Bob Birmingham. Absent was Alisa Morrison. Town Planner Keith Brynes was also absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sara Lathrop at 7:00.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept minutes from the March 18 meeting.

Mr. Brynes sent regrets for absence and stated that only about 50% of the Contact List had been contacted for the 2014 POCD due to lack of updated email addresses. Those commissions, representatives, and officials that have been contacted have been asked to provide a bullet list of recommendations for POCD inclusion. The deadline for this request is April 26th.

Mr. Lyman said that Glenn Chalder indicated we need to look at strategy. There was a discussion about 2004 recommendations where there was some question about policy vs. task. In some cases it was unclear which was which. Mr. Lyman said that by the end of April, we should sort and merge the information into the 3 chapters of the 2014 POCO outlined previously: Things we want to Protect, How we want to Grow, and What we want to Provide.

Ms. Lathrop noted that we will have only 1 week to put these together. She said we should have a chapter steward for each chapter. Chapter stewards will be responsible for identifying, including, and sorting information to be included for their section of the outline. She will request that Mr. Brynes forward all feedback from the outside agencies to the committee as it is received.

Mr. Prue said that we need to make sure that policy, concepts and surveys are sorted and accessible for Mr. Chalder.

For the purposes of the May 6th meeting with Glen Chalder, Mr. Lyman provided an expanded half 2014 draft outline and included all 2004 policies where appropriate. To prepare for the May 6th meeting, chapter stewards will provide additional policy items for review culled from the 5 sources available to the committee:

- 1. The 2004 POCD
- 2. The POCD public hearing (Dec 2012)
- 3. The questionnaires
- 4. The various commissions
- New plans and studies since the 2004 POCD (Open Space Plan, Affordable Housing Study, Route 1 Corridor Study, Mystic Mobility Study)

Mr. Lyman suggested that we must sort out all of the suggestions and put them in the proper place in the table of contents. We must identify their source. Do not distill them. On the May 6 meeting we will distill them.

Next committee meeting was scheduled for April 15th, but will be rescheduled for April 29th at the same time to allow for receipt and review of feedback from the outside agencies prior to the meeting with Glen Chalder. The purpose of the April 29th meeting will be to review all of the policy recommendations put forth by the chapter stewards.

Mr. Birmingham and Mr. Prue stated we must be aware of the Coastal Area Management (CAM). The Planning and Zoning Commission must change zoning but these are not policies.

Mr. Prue said we need to keep policies that we cull as a reference that we did receive them but they were not included or were covered by a policy that is enclosed.

Mr. Birmingham stated that we must be careful with our language as the Planning and Zoning Commission cannot abrogate its responsibilities.

Mr. Lyman said he will be the collector of "The Table of Contents" and each member (with his/her own file name) can edit and return to him through email.

Mr. Brynes is in the process of writing a grant to hire an outside person to look at the possibility of economic growth. Mr. Prue made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Birmingham seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Grant, Jr. Member