

**2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee
Special Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2013**

The 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission held its April 29, 2013 Special Meeting at 7:00PM at the Stonington Police Station Meeting Room – 173 S. Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT. Attending were members, Sara Lathrop, Wendy Bury, Walter Grant, Bill Lyman, Robert Mohr, Alisa Morrison and John Prue. Member Bob Birmingham was absent. Town Planner Keith A. Brynes was also in attendance.

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

Mr. Lyman motioned to approve the draft minutes of the 4/1/13 meeting as corrected; seconded by Ms. Bury. The motion was approved 4-0-1.

Roll call: Lyman – approve, Lathrop – approve, Bury – approve, Grant – approve, Morrison – abstain, Prue and Mohr – not present for vote (arrived shortly after vote).

Mr. Brynes discussed the main purpose of the meeting which is to summarize for Planimetrics issues brought up by the public through the public input session and questionnaire, and by other local boards. Planimetrics is scheduled to lead the first of 3 “triage” meetings on Monday May 6th to help the Subcommittee in its planning process. The second of these meetings has been rescheduled to Monday May 13th at Stonington Town Hall and the third is scheduled for Monday June 3rd at the Stonington Police Station.

Mr. Lyman summarized recommendations received from local boards and commissions including the Conservation Commission, Stonington and Avalonia Land Trusts, CUSH (Clean up Stonington Harbors), CLUC*K (Chicken Lovers Urge Change), WPCA, Economic Development Commission, Council on Aging, Affordable Housing Committee and Board of Education. The Subcommittee also discussed clear guidance and recommendations stated by a majority of people at the input session and through the questionnaire. The Subcommittee discussed where in its outline of the 2014 Plan each of these recommendations would fall and did not discuss the merits of these recommendations.

Mr. Lyman, Mr. Brynes and Ms. Bury will update the outline and send it to Mr. Chalder as soon as possible prior to the meeting on May 6th.

Curtis Lynch, PZC Alternate, stated that Planimetrics should look into whether having a clear vision for the Town is useful, whether positioning the Town as a ideal area for retirees makes sense and how we can best achieve such a vision. A good balance between sustainability and growth must be found. Mr. Prue stated that some PZC members wanted to investigate whether a more focused vision would be helpful in this process - building on the Town’s strengths and limiting any adverse impacts. Ms. Bury stated that there is currently limited funding for Planimetrics and that their current scope is very limited.

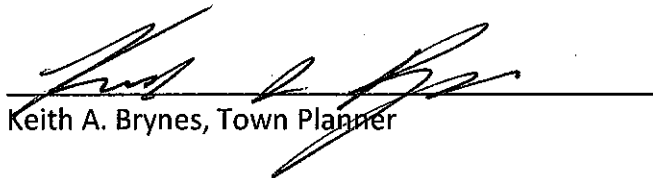
Kate Robinson stated that the Town and Borough should work more closely on common issues.

Mr. Mohr distributed a summary of issues and possible recommendations related to transportation that were gathered from public comment and previous planning documents.

Curtis Lynch stated that the POCD could be revised to offer better guidance to the PZC during Special Use Permit applications. A new board could also be created that reviewed such applications for their conformance with the POCD and offered comments to the PZC. Ms. Lathrop stated that the POCD Implementation Committee is an important part of the implementation process and that they were often unclear of their role.

Ms. Lathrop motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Prue. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith A. Brynes, Town Planner