

Plan of Conservation & Development Steering Committee
Regular Meeting of September 14, 2009

Present: Robert Bulmer, Chairman
Norm Peck
Mark Christiansen
Gary Goeschel
Bill Mulholland

Also Present: Barbara Johnston
Charles Ambulos

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CLERK'S OFFICE

SEP 18 20 09 at 2:30 AM
PM

Ethel B. Williams

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Chairman Bulmer called the Plan of Conservation & Development Steering Committee Regular Meeting of September 14, 2009 to order at 8:51 p.m.

A. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Status. Mr. Goeschel reported we have until the end of December to turn in an amended POCD, or we will not qualify for grants.

B. Other Sections or Related Issues/Concerns as Time and Discussion Dictates. Mr. Goeschel stated we revised the introduction, Mission Statement, objectives, policies, demographics, two sections of commercial and industrial land use and agricultural land use. Some of the work by UCONN has been incorporated. There has been no significant change to the existing text.

Committee members were provided with new recommendations for the Parks & Recreation section. Steering Committee members were asked to give Mr. Goeschel their comments to him by the end of the week. Mr. Bulmer suggested that the Parks & Recreation section include a map.

Mr. Goeschel would like to have the POCD reformatted with the new sections reviewed by the Board of Selectmen at its first meeting in October. The Council of Governments and DEP will also have to review the document prior to the Planning Commission preparing a final document.

Transportation will be worked on next. The Planning Commission has looked at the commercial and industrial land use sections, and they will be submitted as written. The residential component can be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, Council of Government and DEP. The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in November.

Mr. Christiansen noted in the pie chart on agriculture it shows the Town has 2% agriculture. He felt the Town has more than 2%. He asked how much agriculture the Town has? Ms. Angelillo replied approximately 10%.

Mr. Miniutti felt it is a question of the methodology used ten years ago to develop and how you would like it used now. Mr. Goeschel stated we don't know where the data came from ten years ago. We could show how the numbers have changed by showing that the percentage of agriculture is becoming a larger land use. Mr. Miniutti suggested showing what constitutes agriculture. Mr. Christiansen stated agriculture includes bee yards, managed forestry, horse places, and shellfishing beds. He was asked to provide a copy of the section defining agriculture

MOTION: Mr. Mulholland moved to adjourn the September 14, 2009
Regular Meeting of the Plan of Conservation & Development
Steering Committee at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Christiansen.
(5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary