

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PUBLIC HEARING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2009 RE: POCD  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Paul Formica, Robert Kleinhans Pam Rowe, Jack Hogan.

EXCUSED: Rob Wilson, Rose Ann Hardy.

Mr. Formica called the Public Hearing to receive comment regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge. He noted that the Planning Commission is charged with preparing, amending and adopting a plan of conservation and development for East Lyme every ten years by Section 8-23 of the Connecticut General Statutes. If this is not done, the State can withhold grant funds. He added that Peter Minuitti from UCONN had created the Land of Unique Value Study which was a great addition to the Plan. He added that it was the intent of our Town Planner to make this a working document and to upgrade the chapters over the next few years.

Barbara Johnston of 35 Seacrest voiced concern about the water front development opportunities section starting at page 135 noting there were numerous errors, and that she doubted that utilizing the acreage at Camp Rell for development would ever happen. She requested a definition of "multiple zoning jurisdictional authorities" and said that the Oswegatchie Hills section needs to be updated as far as the new trails. She said the document was wordy and repetitious. She also noted that the Harbor Management Commission should have the opportunity to weigh in on comments and that the Harbor Management Plan should be listed. She said that Black Point Zoning supersedes the Town zoning and that the channel in the Niantic River is under federal control.

Mr. Formica reviewed sections of the Executive Summary adding that much of the document was outdated and does not make sense and a thorough review would take place in the upcoming year. He added that all Boards and Commissions were notified a year ago that the POCD review was going to start.

Mark Butterfield of 6 Upper Walnut Hill Road stated this was a well written document, but he did have some concerns. He said that within the agricultural section, his property is listed and there is also reference to changing the zoning from 3 acres to 4 acres in this area which would change his property values. He noted that he has the right to develop his property if he chooses.

Town Planner Gary Goeschel reviewed his memorandum dated November 3, 2009 and identified as Attachment A.

Mr. Hogan noted that Mr. Butterfield had a valid concern however; the intent is if his property ever becomes available, what might be done.

Hearing no further comment, Mr. Formica closed the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary