

East Lyme Planning Commission    May 19, 2009  
Workshop Meeting

Present:            Lisa Picarazzi  
                      Michael Bowers  
                      Francine Schwartz  
                      Paul Dagle  
                      Alvin Sher  
                      Drew Kenny

Also Present:    Barbara Johnston, member of the Harbor Management Commission  
                      Jack Hogan, ex officio member of Board of Selectmen  
                      Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning

Chairlady Picarazzi called the East Lyme Planning Commission Workshop Meeting of May 19, 2009 to order at 7:03 p.m. and seated alternate members Alvin Sher and Drew Kenny at the table.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

I. Emergent Additions to the Agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

II. Public Delegations. There was no discussion from members of the public.

III. Plan of Conservation and Development.

A. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Update of Steering Committee Public Workshop. Mr. Goeschel reported the Plan of Conservation and Development Steering Committee met on May 18 to discuss the results of the Public Workshop held on May 12. At the Public Workshop Peter Miniutti had members of the public divided into groups and take pieces of acetate to place on maps showing how they wished to develop all land in Town using current standards or Smart Growth standards. Data was compared, and they got a sense of where we can double up our uses. Development was suggested on state property, with some commercial and some affordable. Limitations were noted and recognized. Mr. Miniutti plans to give a draft of a final document by June 15. Ms. Picarazzi felt it was good for the Economic Development Commission to participate in the exercise but was disappointed that only a few residents were present.

Mr. Bowers felt some of the items discussed and eliminated may make sense five years from now. Mr. Goeschel stated some were not feasible, and they will not be presented. Mr. Bowers suggested keeping the items that were eliminated, because they may be considered at some time in the future.

B. Proposed draft language prepared by the POCD Steering Committee. The Planning Commission discussed and made changes to the language and Mr. Goeschel agreed to revise the language accordingly.

The Commission reviewed the POCD proposed Time Line.

MOTION: Mr. Dagle moved to approve the proposed POCD Time Line. Seconded by Mr. Bowers. Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Bowers felt this Commission would have to meet weekly in August and September to meet this Time Line.

Mr. Hogan felt deadlines are needed.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is June 2.

MOTION: Mr. Bowers moved to adjourn the May 18, 2009  
Planning Commission Workshop Meeting at  
9:50 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Schwartz. (6-0)  
Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Substitute Recording Secretary