

Plan of Conservation and Development Steering Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2010

Present: Robert Bulmer, Chairman  
Mark Christensen  
Michael Bowers

Also Present: Gary Goeschel, Planning Director  
Barbara Johnston

Call to Order. Chairman Bulmer called the Plan of Conservation and Development Steering Committee Special Meeting of January 26, 2010 to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Public Delegations. Barbara Johnston referred to Chapter 3 of the Plan of Conservation and Development Affordable Housing, dated January 21, 2010.

She did not believe East Lyme had a significant increase in population. She did not consider East Lyme on the fringe of an “urban area”. She did not feel the median home prices have risen 123%. She did not feel the income for a single person in an East Lyme household is \$44,800 or that East Lyme must recruit from areas further away. She questioned whether or not there are policies and regulatory changes for affordable housing that are moving from voluntary to mandatory. She did not feel deed restricted housing was a good idea.

A. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Status/Lands of Unique Value (LUV) Study.

Mr. Bowers felt it would be of value for the Town to have the entire Plan of Development and appendixes in one place. Mr. Bulmer suggested sighting the appendixes without putting verbage in the Plan of Development. Mr. Goeschel stated it will be on line and available to the public.

i. Timeline. Mr. Goeschel plans to have the Land Use section revised to incorporate affordable housing by March. In April he would like to have the Open Space section addressed.

ii. Section Assignments. Bill Mulholland will work on Coastal Area of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Goeschel felt according to state statutes and OPM the Town has satisfied the requirement for its ten year plan. This Committee will now work to complete the plan.

The next meeting of this Committee will be held on March 15.

B. Proposed draft language prepared by the POCD Steering Committee. Committee members gave Gary Goeschel comments on the Plan of Conservation and Development.

i. Affordable Housing. The draft affordable housing section was reviewed by members of the Committee. Suggested revisions were given to Mr. Goeschel.

ii. Other Sections or Related Issues/Concerns as Time and Discussion Dictates. Mr. Goeschel asked Committee members to send him comments on revisions to the Economic Development section of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Committee members were asked to review and give their comments on the Open Space Plan prepared by Mark Christiansen.

An invitation will be sent to Harbor Management to participate in developing the Harbor Management section of the Plan of Conservation and Development. He felt it would be helpful to have a liaison from Harbor Management on the Steering Committee.

There was a general consensus of the Commission to request that the Planning Commission appoint Lisa Picarazzi as a member at lodge to the Steering Committee. In that capacity she would not be allowed to vote.

#### Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Christenson moved to adjourn the Plan of Conservation and Development Steering Committee Meeting of January 26, 2010 at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Bowers. (3-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary