



**TOWN OF KILLINGLY, CT
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

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**TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 19, 2019 - 6 pm
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
Town Meeting Room, Second Floor
Killingly Town Hall
172 Main St., Killingly**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair, Keith Thurlow, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL – Brian Card, Sheila Roddy, Virge Lorents, Keith Thurlow.
Mathew Wendorf and Milburn Stone were absent with notice.

Staff Present – Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning and Development; Elsie Bisset, Director of Economic Development.

II. SEATING OF ALTERNATES – None.

III. PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (POCD) – (review/discussion/action)

1. Entertain motion to suspend the rules and receive comments from the general public

Motion was made by Virge Lorents suspend the rules to receive comments from the public. Second by Sheila Roddy. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

2. Commission to review goals, policies and action items under current P.O.C.D. – No Discussion.

3. Continuation of report on information gathered from the 1/12/2019 charrette

Ann-Marie Aubrey gave an explanation of the S.W.O.T. Analysis and the highlights of the results from the Small Break-Out Groups (both dated January 12, 2019).

- There was discussion regarding opportunity for job shadow/internship/STEM Programs for high-school students.
- Ms. Aubrey noted that the Cultural and Historical people (which included the Town Historian and Members of the Historic District Commission) had reviewed their current Section of the POCD and stated that they do not feel any changes are needed.
- There was discussion regarding support for the increased usage of rails. There are no passenger stops around Killingly. Brian Card suggested that, while we cannot promote passenger use, we could promote the use of rails for freight in the POCD.

- There was discussion regarding stonewall protection. Ms. Lorents stated, for the record, that she knows of a subdivision (preservation of stone walls was required) where a lot of the stones were stolen and there was no way to prosecute.

Mr. Card noted that many of the items are outside of the purview of the PZC and he asked how items could be incorporated (in a general objective point of view) into the POCD (such as Industrial Park) general zoning, infrastructure upgrades/general improvements (like WIFI), solar/green technology). Ms. Aubrey explained that it could be addressed as policy.

Ms. Aubrey suggested looking at the Zoning Regulations to ensure that they are solar conducive. Mr. Card suggested encouraging Brownfield redevelopment or on top of industrial buildings. There was discussion regarding solar energy and how the power companies don't want to purchase the extra electricity. Mr. Card explained that it is a distribution issue and he explained about balancing so that you don't produce too much.

Ms. Aubrey has spoken with the School Superintendent regarding doing a charrette at the High School with the juniors and seniors to get their input.

There was discussion regarding the surveys (187 completed to date). Ms. Aubrey will generate a report to be available at the March meeting. Ms. Roddy feels that it is important to convey to the public that the items that do not get incorporated into the POCD were not ignored, but that the PZC cannot take action on items outside of its purview. Ms. Aubrey explained that the items can be organized/consolidated/prioritized as Action Items/Policy/Goals. Mr. Thurlow asked that information from the surveys (and possibly from the High School students) be included. Ms. Aubrey will compile the information and present it to the PZC for review before making it available to the public. She explained that there will be an introductory page listing Goals/Policies/Action Items and that she will also make a graph showing Goals/Policies/Action Items and who is expected to work on those items as well as timeframe. She does not see big changes to Goals/Policies/Action Items.

Ms. Aubrey explained that she would like to continue with the Heart and Soul Community (Orton Foundation) work started with the Borderlands Project. The format for the next POCD (in 10 years) would be different because it would be based on the areas of the Town that people are concerned with instead of the structure of the Statute. She explained how this could help with the identity issue for the Town. She is looking into getting a website that will be easy to use. There may also be more charrettes.

There was discussion regarding whether the PZC is on schedule with the POCD completion. Ms. Aubrey feels that they are still on schedule.

4. Comments from commission members and general public

Lois Latraverse, Island Road, spoke regarding the NTE power plant and stated that the Town could have not supported it as in Burrillville, RI. She said that former Town Manager, Sean Hendricks spoke in favor at the Citing Council meetings. She stated that the application has been reopened and she feels that the Citing Council will be taking the environmental issues into considerations this

time. There are eight power plants within 30 miles of Killingly. The EPA will start doing studies on cumulative effects in 2020.

5. Update from Director of Economic Development regarding EDC proposed goals; policies; action items

Elsie Bisset reported that they have made some minor spelling changes, but their subcommittee has not met yet. They will be meeting before the next PZC meeting and will give an update (such as the change in the exit numbers on I-395).

6. General Discussion regarding the POCD – next steps, etc.

Ms. Roddy suggested an appendix for an action plan with an easier form to update. Ms. Aubrey explained the graph that she spoke of earlier. Ms. Roddy suggested using Microsoft Project.

IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion was made by Sheila Roddy to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Second by Virge Lorents. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Clerk