



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

MONDAY – APRIL 15, 2019

SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING

6:00 PM

Town Meeting Room, Second Floor

Killingly Town Hall

172 Main St., Killingly

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MINUTES

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

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

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).

Denise Coffee, Norwich Bulletin, asked questions on the following subjects:

- What are the challenges and opportunities for the Town?
Ms. Lorents spoke of the Charrette that had been held and she commented that she wished that there were more people of different income ranges in attendance, but it was a good opportunity to get ideas.
- Killingly Energy Center
Ms. Lorents stated that the PZC voted unanimously against it the first time.
Mr. Thurlow explained that the PZC is working on updating the POCD by incorporating goals, plans, and changes. He spoke of the process that the PZC has been going through to get feedback from the public as well as other Commissions. He spoke of how he would like to get feedback regarding ideas/opportunities for the Borough of Danielson.
Ms. Aubrey explained that she has contacted the High School regarding possibly holding a Charrette there to get feedback from the High School students. Surveys have been handed out to some students.
To date, 188 surveys have been received from the public. The Planning and Development Office will be accepting surveys until the end of May.
- Is the Town looking at toughening-up the Blight Ordinance?
Ms. Aubrey stated that the property on Main Street that had a fire has been demolished. There is a revised Blight Ordinance before the Ordinance Committee right now.
There was discussion.

2. OLD AND NEW Drafts of goals, policies and action items

Copies of the new draft listing goals, policies and action items for Natural Resources, Cultural and Historic Resources, and Transportation were included in packets to the Commission Members.
Also provided to Commission Members was a sheet regarding the EDC Chapter – Goals, Policies and Actions.

- There was discussion regarding Ms. Lorents' suggestion that applicants be asked to list aspects of their application that fulfill some section of the POCD. Ms. Aubrey commented that they are in the process of revising the applications and that it could be incorporated, but there is no guarantee that the applicants will do it.
- There was discussion regarding Mr. Thurlow's suggestion to add advocating for transportation alternatives to the Transportation Section (e.g. rails).
- Mr. Stone commented about the format and he stated that he found very few things that could be identified as enforceable engaging actions that you could get people to support. He said that very little effort was made by the PZC to reference the POCD. In the current POCD - limit subdivision development and general housing development to the western side of the Town and protecting the open space resources along the border on the eastern side of the Town. But, most of the subdivision that the PZC has approved are on the eastern side of the Town. He suggested organizing/prioritizing specific actions that the PZC needs to take over the next ten years (e.g. Item #2 on page two).
There was discussion regarding Ms. Lorents' suggestion that the PZC could forbid local garden centers from selling invasive species. Ms. Aubrey stated that this would be something for the Ordinance Committee. Ms. Aubrey explained the plan to have a graph listing action items and who they are assigned to and the timeframe that they are expected to be complete by.
- Ms. Aubrey explained that the State looks at the POCD which is how the Town gets discretionary funding. She will check with the Departments to see what grants they will be applying for.
- Mr. Thurlow (page 2, Item 15) suggested developing a piece of land for recreational use by people with ATV's/motorcycles. He asked if Electronics Recycling warrants its own section. (Ms. Aubrey will e-mail the section on different types of recycling.) Discussion ensued.

Ms. Aubrey will do three more sections and will e-mail them to the Commission Members for review before the May 20th meeting.

S. Roddy suggested that Ms. Aubrey also determine who is responsible and then the Commission can help with assigning timelines for completion.

M. Stone suggested that after list is complete, look for redundancies, and sharpen-up the nature of the action items.

A special meeting may be necessary. Ms. Aubrey will put scheduling a special meeting (June 3rd or June 10th) on the Agenda for the May 20th.

There was discussion regarding the Charrette with the High School Students which can be added as an appendix.

Commission Members are to review on their own and e-mail comments to Ms. Aubrey.

Will schedule a special meeting for June 3rd, June 10th or both.

3. Comments from commission members and general public – See Above.

IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion was made by Virge Lorents to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Second by Milburn Stone. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Clerk