



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

**MONDAY – JUNE 10, 2019
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING**

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Elizabeth M. Wilson

RE: PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

6:00 PM

ROOM 102

**Killingly Town Hall
172 Main St., Killingly**

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair, Keith Thurlow, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Mr. Thurlow stated that Matthew Wendorf would be seated as a Voting Member for this meeting.

Staff Present – Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning and Development.

Also Present: Lynn LaBerge, Town Council Liaison (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
William Cheng, Economic Development Commission (left at 7 p.m.)

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 to suspend the rules to receive comments from the public. Second by Sheila Roddy. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

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

3. Comments from commission members and general public regarding goals, policies, action items, the assignment of the action items, and time length to complete said action item(s).

The Commission made the following changes to the Draft while reviewing comments/suggestions from Brian Card for sections that had not been reviewed already at the last special meeting:

NATURAL RESOURCES

Page 1, Goals:

1. No change.
2. Preserve the unique character of our town, its villages and rural areas by preserving their linkage to open space and natural resources.
3. No change.
4. Increase the percentage of protected open space and protected agricultural lands from the current 7.1% to an overall 21 percent of the Town's land area through a variety of mechanisms.

Policies:

1. No change.
2. Moved to Goal #4.
3. Now #2 – No change.
4. Now an Action Item under Policy #1.
5. Now an Action Item under Policy #1.
6. Same as #8.
7. Now an Action Item under Policy #9.
8. Same as #6.
9. No change.

Policies remaining 1, 3, combination of 6 and 8, and 9.

Page 2, Action Items:

1. Under Policy #2 & #6. To read as follows: "Provide permanent protection, via conservation easements for Town-owned parcels containing natural resources that are not currently protected, in accordance with recommendations from the Killingly Conservation Commission and Open Space Land Acquisition Committee.
2. To read as follows, "Adopt and apply land use regulations and design standards that require the integration of features such as native vegetation, wildlife habitat, stonewalls, and roadside trees.
Under Policy #2.
3. Delete and put under Non-Transportation Infrastructure.
4. Under Policy #2. To read as follows, "Take and maintain an accurate inventory of natural resources and update maps for land use decisions, including the Killingly Open Space Map.
5. Under Policy #6.
6. Combine with #4 and may need rewording. Under Policy #3.
7. Delete
8. Combine #8 and #10. Change wording to discourage planting of species on the CT invasive plant list by educating the public. Suggested wording, "Encourage landowners to do attractive landscaping avoiding invasive species." Under Policy #9.
9. Combine #9, #11 and #12 and reword. Policy #9.
10. Combined with #8. Under Policy #9.
11. Combined with #9 and #12. Under Policy #9.
12. Combined with #9 and #11. Under Policy #9.
13. Ms. Aubrey will research to see if this should be deleted from the POCD.
14. Under Policy #9

15. Under Policy #9. To read as follows, "Offer educational programs to reduce destructive activities (e.g. ATV and motorcycles on public land, trash dumping on roadways, improper disposal of household hazardous waste and electronics).

There was discussion regarding having a recreational area for ATV's.

16. Under Policy #9.
17. Policy #3.
18. Policy #3.

Page 3 CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

Policies:

Combine #1, #3 & #5

4. No change.

Action Items (page 3):

Protect...

1. Under Policy #1
8. To read as follows, "Develop educational programs promoting preservation and an understanding of history, for the general public and students."

Action Items (page 4):

Protect...

5. Under Policy #1 – To read as follows, "In cases where adverse impacts are made to significant, historic, cultural, architectural, or archaeological resources, implement mitigation strategies contained within the cultural resources plan to minimize these adverse effects."
11. Under Policy # P1
There was discussion regarding on National Historic Register vs. Local Historic District.

Action Items (page 4):

Promote...

6. No change.
7. No change.
There was discussion regarding Walktober (Conservation Commission) and Last Green Valley. Ms. Lorents suggests more awareness regarding handicap accessibility.
9. No change.

Action Items (page 4):

Support:

3. No change.
10. Corrections noted, "Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Corridor" and "The Last Green Valley."
14. No change.

Mr. Card noted that he had made deletions and wanted to be sure that the other Commission Members were in agreement.

Page 6 - TRANSPORTATION

Goal changed:

To read as follows, "To provide options for residents, visitors, businesses and commuters through a balanced transportation system that supports the Town's land use vision; protects neighborhoods from transportation impacts; enhances business opportunities; and minimizes adverse impacts on natural resources."

Policies

1. Added – No change.
2. Added – No change.
3. Added – No change.

Enhance...

4. No change.
5. No change.
11. No change.
3. No change.

Develop...

5. No change.
2. No change.
4. No change.
8. No change.

There was a suggestion to address/consider alternative mass transportation systems. There was discussion regarding tolls (usage determined by federal guidelines).

Page 7 – Ensure

2. No change.
3. To read as follows, "Establish standards consistent with low impact development (LID).
9. To read as follows, " During the design and construction of road improvement projects, consideration should be made to preserve mature trees, landscape plantings, and other elements of the natural environment without compromising public safety."
1. No change.

Page 8 & Page 9 – Delete

There was discussion regarding adding re-charge stations for electric vehicles. It was suggested to put it under Policy – The following language was suggested: "Develop alternative modes of traditional transportation and sustainable infrastructure such as ..."

There was discussion regarding incorporating charging stations into revised parking regulations as an action item.

Page 16 – HOUSING
GOAL – NO CHANGE

POLICIES:

1. To read as follows, “Ensure housing development matches the needs of the Town and blends with the existing infrastructure and neighborhoods.”
2. No change.
3. Delete.
4. No change.

ACTION ITEMS: Possibly add density language.

ENSURE

1. No change.
2. No change.
10. No change.

CREATE AND MAINTAIN: Possibly add density language.

4. No change.
5. No change.
3. No change.
6. No change.
8. No change.

There was discussion regarding whether to promote higher density options (multi-family/PRD). No changes noted, but it was suggested that Ms. Aubrey add language regarding higher density either under “Ensure” or “Create and Maintain.”

PROVIDE HOUSING OPTIONS – SPECIAL NEEDS

13. No change.
7. No change.

There was discussion regarding awareness for shower stalls for people in wheelchairs (under ADA compliance requirements).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There was discussion regarding an e-mail that Keith Thurlow had received from William Cheng regarding adding language to the Economic Development Section.

Mr. Card stated that he had reviewed this Section and that he had suggested moving some things around and that he had suggested the addition of two bullet points. Discussion ensued.

LAND USE

Ms. Aubrey will review and incorporate comments from Commission Members.

4. Discussion of next steps – set next meeting date for a POCD Workshop

Next Special Meeting Monday, June 24, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at Town Hall, Room 102. Mr. Wendorf will not be able to attend.

IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion was made by Matthew Wendorf to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Second by Virge Lorents. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Clerk