



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

MONDAY – JULY 16, 2018

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
6:00 PM**

**Town Meeting Room, Second Floor
Killingly Town Hall
172 Main St., Killingly**

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

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

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

II. SEATING OF ALTERNATES – None.

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

1. Motion to Suspend the Rules and Receive Comments from Others

Motion was made by Virge Lorents to open the floor for discussion. Second by Sheila Roddy. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

a. Discussion with various boards and commission representatives in attendance

1. Board of Recreation

Comments from Tracy Mason, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- They are working with the Engineering Department and looking at the feasibility of a new Community Center vs. staying in the current location on Broad Street.
- A larger, more athletic facility could be good for economic development. It would have the potential to host tournaments (basketball courts/turf fields, etc.).
- Recreation programs would have more of a home base.
- There could be leagues in the evening and rental for teams which could bring in income. The hope is that the money brought in would make the facility self-sufficient.
- The current gymnasium is small with some activities using the Westfield Avenue site, KCS and KMS. The youth basketball program continues to grow (approximately 350 participants this year).

- A facility with two or three gymnasiums could bring in outside tournaments and our own. Teams and people going to the tournaments are charged.
- The closest indoor facility is approximately 45 minutes away. Killingly is in a good location in the tri-state area.
- They have been waiting for the Davis Property for a number of years. Conceptual plans have been made up three times (a lot of field space). They have an agreement to share a field (on Route 101) with St. James School. They use some space at KIS and also at Owen Bell Park.
- There is a need for flat playing space. She noted a lack of field space for the following sports: Football, LaCrosse (currently not offered in Killingly – must travel to Pomfret), Field Hockey (offered at the High School).
- She would like to be able to offer adult field programs.
- Hygea is available in summer.
There is availability/boat docks in Town to put boats in the River. They tried to do a tri-athlon at one time, but there were difficulties with getting enough people for safety and also with rough water and low water levels. They were trying to work with a kayak business.
- There are a lot of parent organizations that help with running many of the different programs.
- They have signed up recently with Survey Monkey to get feedback.
- A brochure is mailed to residents of Killingly three times per year which has programs geared toward people of all ages.
- They also advertise in local papers, on WINY Radio and on Face Book.

Ms. Mason will provide information regarding State grants that she will be applying for as relating to the POCD.

2. Historic District Commission / Historical Society / Town Historian

Comments from Margaret Weaver, Town Historian:

- There is use of the River in connection with the Heritage Corridor Programs (Walktober, Bus Tours, etc.). Cat Hollow also makes use of the waterways.
- Suggested working with other regional organizations that exist as it provides publicity.
- Cemetery preservation. Many are small ones on private property. Stones could be restored. There are 70+ known cemeteries in Killingly (some on private property).
- Stone wall preservation. She suggests that a picture be taken before any stone walls are dismantled.
- Markers designated to commemorate famous people from Killingly (already in current POCD, page 19). A Tiffany Trail.
Mark Tillinghast stated that the EDC has also been discussing commemorating famous people from Killingly.
There was discussion regarding the two Commissions working together on this.
- Surveys of privately owned Historical Homes be put online (they have seven books). However, the people that own the houses may not want it to be online.
- They are waiting for funding from the State to get brochures printed.
- Encourage the different Commissions in Town to work together.

Ms. Weaver offered that she could solicit for public input in her Villager article.

3. Library – Friends of the Library

No Representation, but will correspond with Ann-Marie Aubrey and may attend at a later date.

4. Economic Development Committee

Comments from Mark Tillinghast, EDC and Todd Cooke, EDC:

- EDC is still reviewing the POCD and working on their presentation. Some things will be removed:
Enterprise Zones are no longer being funded by the State (40 percent). The responsibility of the Town has to be determined.
- Attract Companies to create Technical Skills jobs for diversity.
You need to provide a place where people want to live, work and play. The recreational facility as discussed by Ms. Mason above would help.
- EDC will return after they meet.

Milburn Stone spoke about how to market the Town and of the importance of the relationship between the EDC and the PZC.

5. Others in attendance – General Public – General Comments – None.

b. General Discussion regarding the POCD – questions / comments – None.

IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion was made by Virge Lorents to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Second by Milburn Stone. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Clerk