

EAST LYME PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (POCD)  
SUBCOMMITTEE

East Lyme Town Hall, Upper Meeting Room  
108 Pennsylvania Avenue, East Lyme, Connecticut

FILED

Jan 2 2020 AT 2:00 AM

**CHAIRWOMEN:** Michelle Williams

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Kirk Scott, Rosemary Ostfeld, Richard Gordon

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:** Tom Fitting, Brian Bohmbach

*Michelle Williams*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**PLANNING DIRECTOR:** Gary A. Goeschel II

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman M. Williams Called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**I ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Ms. Williams called for any additions to the Agenda. There were none

**II PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

Chairwoman Williams called for any public delegations. There were none.

**III NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Stakeholder Presentation:** Chairwoman Williams called for introductions of those present. The following individuals responded:

Michelle Maitland, PTF

Penny Heller, Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources; East Lyme Sustainable CT Subcommittee

Arthur Carlson, Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources

Chris Lambert

Marc Salerno, Board of Selectman

Norman Peck, Zoning Commission

Gary Lukowski (? Didn't hear individual's last name)

Don Danilla, Niantic River Watershed Commission, Pattagansett Lake Assoc., FOH

Rick Cantor, EL/WTFD Shellfish Commission

Barbra Low, Historic Properties Commission

Richard Waterman, Historic Properties Commission

Ms. Williams presented a power point presentation which she gave an overview of the POCD, what it is and why it matters. She began by introducing the POCD Subcommittee members and

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its staff. She proceeded to explain the Town's legal obligation to update the Plan in order to maintain the municipalities state grant eligibility and that it is the document that helps direct decision and policy making in order to achieve a shared vision for the Town.

Ms. Williams identified new legislative requirements which must be addressed in the document; According to CGS 8-23(g), any municipal plan of conservation and development scheduled for adoption on or after July 1, 2015, shall identify the general location and extent of any (1) areas served by existing sewerage systems, (2) areas where sewerage systems are planned, and (3) areas where sewers are to be avoided.

Next she indicated the subcommittee's goals in updating the plan. It is the Committee's desire to shorten the document, provide an executive summary in a matrix format to illustrating implementation of goals, and engage stakeholder participation.

She reviewed the Subcommittee's timeline, indicating the subcommittee had begun meeting in early 2019 and has since been conducting researching, working with Rosemary Ostfeld and students from Wesleyan University in developing sustainability recommendations in regards to climate change, and reviewing the 2009 POCD. Ms. Williams noted the timeline is an aggressive schedule as the goal is to have the document updated and delivered to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) by December 1, 2020. She stated the Committee intends to hold it's first of possibly 3 workshops in January 2020 with a rough draft of the document being ready for editing by April 2020.

In addition, Ms. Williams went on to state the POCD Subcommittee had developed an on-line questionnaire, which survey is currently being conducted and will end December 31, 2019. Ms. Williams indicated given the Planning Commission's limited budget, the questionnaire was the best option to gain anecdotal information.

Ms. Williams reviewed the Committee's working outline:

- How we Plan to Conserve,
- How we want to develop,
- Services we want to provide,
- Education & Outreach; and
- Implementation

Ms. Williams then discussed the Role of Stakeholders and how the Committee wanted to handle the return of information from Stakeholders through the Subject/Section Captains. Subject/Sections Captains are as follows:

- Rosemary Ostfeld and Gary Goeschel: Clean Energy, Open Space, and Agricultural Resources including Aquaculture
- Michelle Williams: Coastal Resources (Coastal Area Management Plan)
- Rich Gordon: Historical Resources, Library
- Kirk Scott: Economic Development, Transportation

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Ms Williams indicated the Subcommittee wished to have Stakeholder input received by January 30, 2020. It was noted that many of the boards and commissions have already met and are not scheduled to meet until after the New Year. As such, it may take stakeholders a bit longer to receive a response until the Stakeholder has an opportunity to discuss it with their respective Board or Commission. Upon conclusion of the presentation Ms. Williams opened the floor to questions and comments from Stakeholders present.

N. Peck noted the question we need to answer is whether the Community wants commercial growth to continue (i.e. re-zoning residential land to commercial) or to slow it down.

**B. POCD Subcommittee 2020 Meeting Schedule**

**Motion:** Kirk Scott moved to approve the 2020 Meeting Schedule.

**Seconded:** Brian Bohmbach

**Vote:** Unanimous (4-0-0)

**IV OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Community Survey**

**B. Stakeholder List - Interviews & Scheduling**

**C. Scheduling and Coordination of Workshops**

All Old Business was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

**V NEXT STEPS/ASSIGNMENTS**

Tabled for further discussion at the next meeting

**VI ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Kirk Scott moved to adjourn the meeting

**Seconded:** Rich Gordon

**Vote:** Unanimous (4-0-0)