

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

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

CHAIRWOMEN: Michelle Williams

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Norm Peck, Rosemary Ostfeld, Richard Gordon,
Larry Fitzgerald

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Gary A. Goeschel II

ABSENT: Kirk Scott, Peter Lynch

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June 22 2020 AT 11:25 AM/PM

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman M. Williams Called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 - NONE

IV OLD BUSINESS:

A. Section Captain Reports -

- i. **Agricultural Resources – Rosemary Ostfeld ;** Ms. Ostfeld indicated the section is near complete.
- ii. **Coastal Resources – Michelle Williams;** Ms. Williams indicated she will be reviewing this section along with the Harbor Management Plan. G. Goeschel reported Eric Kanter will be forwarding comments on behalf of the Harbor Management Commission.
- iii. **Historic Resources – Rich Gordon; Mr. Gordon** indicated he had already uploaded a number of comments to google drive. They're ready for editing.
- iv. **Natural Resources – Rosemary Ostfeld & Gary Goeschel;** Ms. Ostfeld said she would work on clarifying or reducing duplication between the Opens Space subsection and the Coastal Management subsection.
- v. **Open Space – Rosemary Ostfeld;** Again, Ms. Ostfeld said she would work on clarifying or reducing duplication between the Opens Space subsection and the Coastal Management subsection. N. Peck indicated the local real-estate market is seeing an influx of NY/NJ residents buying up properties and moving to town as a result of the pandemic. He suggested we think about slowing our growth. In addition, he suggested we provide economic development help to farmers such as marketing, funding for start-up, and develop a land conservation program because of the near future demand for housing. M.

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Williams said we should also consider our food resiliency.

- vi. **Residential Development – Michelle Williams;** M. Williams asked if we should stay the current course or where can we make changes to answer the communities call to the development it has recently seen. She will be meeting with N. Peck to further discuss. The group discussed establishing an Affordable Housing Subcommittee to tackle the affordable housing issue.
 - vii. **Commercial & Industrial Development – Kirk Scott/Larry Fitzgerald –** Kik was not present to provide any update. However, G. Goeschel will coordinate with K. Scott to move this section forward.
 - viii. **Economic Development – Kirk Scott/Larry Fitzgerald –** KThe committee will follow up with Mr. Scott at the next meeting and will remove Larry's name from this section
 - ix. **Clean Energy – Rosemary Ostfeld -**
 - x. **Emergency Services – Kirk Scott –** Will follow up at next meeting.
 - xi. **Parks & Recreation, Community & Education Spaces – Rich Gordon;** Mr. Gordon posted comments in google and the committee will review for discussion at the next meeting on June 27th.
 - xii. **Water/Wastewater Management – Michelle Williams;** Ms. Williams is going to reconnect with Brad Kargl for follow up discussion in regards to sea level rise and our critical infrastructure. N. Peck asked R. Ostfeld her thoughts on our Town water. Ms. Ostfeld respond that she was not an expert on the treatment of drinking water.
 - xiii. **Transportation – Kirk Scott –** Again, the committee will follow up with Mr. Scott at the next meeting.
- B. Staff Updated on Correspondence/Town Staff –** G. Goeschel indicated pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders, the Planning Commission essentially received a 90-day extension on completing and submitting a final draft of the POCD to OPM.

V NEXT STEPS/ASSIGNMENTS –

Ms. Williams asked the committee to review the Parks & Recreation section of the POCD and the comments posted in google and asked staff to forward links to Mr. Gordon's posted materials. In addition, she will coordinate a meeting with Mr. Peck in regards to developing the residential development section.

VI ADJOURNMENT

Motion: R. Ostfeld moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Larry Fitzgerald

Vote: Unanimous (4-0-0)

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by:

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