

EASTLYME PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, MAY 11, 2021. 7:00 PM

Remote Participation by ZOOM due to COVID 19

CHAIRMAN: Kirk Scott

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Gary Goeschel II

SECRETARY: Michelle Williams

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sue Spang

CALL TO ORDER 7:06

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kirk Scott, Michelle Williams, Richard Gordon, Nichole Davison, Brian Bohmbach, Alt., (seated for Fitting)

Absent: Lawrence Fitzgerald, Thomas Fitting, Vacancy, Alt.

Also, Present: G. Goeschel, Norm Peck, zoning chairman, Anna Thurlow zoning liaison.

II. CALL FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-none

III. CALL FOR PUBLIC DELEGATIONS-none

IV. REPORTS

A. Communications-no report

B. Zoning Representative-no report

C. Ex-Officio-no report

D. Planning Director: Gary Goeschel:

G. Goeschel informed the members that the corridor study has been assigned a project number by CTDOT and the project can start after October 1, 2021.

E. Subcommittees

M. Williams informed the members the POCD committee has met with a couple of boards and commissions and will be meeting with others over the next few months. They will be on the BOS agenda for May 19, 2021, to make the case for funding some of the projects in the 2020 POCD out of the federal recovery act funds the town has received.

F. Chairman: Kirk Scott- no report

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: (Gordon/Williams) to APPROVE the minutes of April 13, 2021, as presented.

Vote: APPROVED. In favor- Michelle Williams, Richard Gordon, Nichole Davison, Brian Bohmbach. Opposed-none. Abstaining-Kirk Scott.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS-none

VII. SUBDIVISIONS / RE-SUBDIVISIONS (Pending)-none

VIII. ZONING REFERRALS: [Connecticut General Statute (CGS) 8-3a]

A. Application of the East Lyme Zoning Commission for a Text Amendment to the East Lyme Zoning Regulations Section 25.4.3-1 to add "should a public hearing for a Special Permit be continued, the applicant shall modify or replace the sign and add language announcing the continuance which shall include the time, date and location of said hearing".

FILED

May 13 20 21 AT 12:25 AM (PM)
Karen Miller
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

G. Goeschel referred to his memo dated, May 10, 2021 in which he listed 18 goals of the POCD. He thought the proposed text amendment was met by goal number 2. He advised the members that pending state legislation may do away with some of the signage requirements, but the town could still have signage requirements in their regulations.

The members thought the proposed language would contribute to the transparency of the town during public hearings when they are continued.

MOTION: (Williams/Davison) to move that the East Lyme Planning Commission finds the proposed text amendment referenced above CONSISTANT with the East Lyme 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

B. Application of Todd Sakowski for a text amendment to the East Lyme Zoning Regulations Section 20.28 and 25.3.3 to allow Taproom Brewery Service in CB Zones by way of a Special Permit.

G. Goeschel stated that in reviewing the 2012 POCD, he found breweries consistent with the POCD in CB zones by Special Permit. The text amendment is proposing the requirement of providing food outside be satisfied by utilizing the surrounding food establishments or food vending trucks.

G. Goeschel found that the proposed text amendment consistent with the POCD, economic development goals in the downtown area. He informed the members that the zoning official noted that the use of food vending trucks could have negative impact on the surrounding food establishments.

M. Williams thought the proposed text amendment could also be consistent with the aquaculture goals of the POCD.

G. Goeschel reminded the Commission that any restaurants with outdoor dining must get a permit every year.

MOTION: (Gordon/Davison) to move that the East Lyme Planning Commission finds the proposed text amendment CONSISTENT with the 2020 POCD. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

IX. MUNICIPAL REFERRALS [Connecticut General Statute (CGS) 8-24]-none

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bylaws:

To be discussed at next month's meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS-none

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: (Davison/Gordon) to adjourn at 7:47. Vote: APPROVED Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Spang,
Recording Secretary

2021 Meeting dates: June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14.

Liaison Schedule:

Elizabeth Allen 4/22/2021, Brian Bohmbach 5/6/2021, Nichole Davison 5/20/2021, Thomas Fitting 6/3/2021, Richard Gordon 6/17/2021, Kirk Scott 7/1/2021, Michelle Williams 8/5/2021, Elizabeth Allen 9/2/2021
Brian Bohmbach 9/16/2021, Nichole Davison 10/7/2021, Thomas Fitting 10/21/2021
Richard Gordon 11/4/2021, Kirk Scott 11/18/2021, Michelle Williams 12/2/2021