

EASTLYME PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, JULY 13, 2021. 7:00 PM

East Lyme Town Hall, main room

CHAIRMAN: Kirk Scott

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Gary Goeschel II

SECRETARY: Michelle Williams

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sue Spang

CALL TO ORDER 7:04

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kirk Scott, Michelle Williams, Richard Gordon, Nichole Davison, Lawrence Fitzgerald, Thomas Fitting,

Absent: Brian Bohmbach, Alt., Vacancy, Alt.

Also, Present: G. Goeschel, William Dwyer, Zoning liaison, and Marc Salerno, BOS liaison.

II. CALL FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-none

FILED

III. CALL FOR PUBLIC DELEGATIONS-none

IV. REPORTS

July 21 20 21 AT 2:00 AM/PM
(Signature)
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

A. Communications-no report

B. Zoning Representative

K. Scott reported that the Zoning Commission approved one application, approved a text amendment for public hearing signage and will discuss recreational marijuana stores at upcoming meetings.

C. Ex-Officio:

M. Salerno reported that the BOS sent possible projects to the BOF for approval utilizing the ARP funding.

D. Planning Director: Gary Goeschel-no report

E. Subcommittees

M. Williams informed the members the POCD committee is still meeting with Boards and Commissions and asked them to send a rep to the POCD committee. They will have a working meeting on August 24, 2021.

F. Chairman: Kirk Scott- no report

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: (Gordon/Williams) to APPROVE the minutes of May 11, 2021, as presented.

Vote: APPROVED. In favor- Kirk Scott, Michelle Williams, Richard Gordon, Nichole Davison, T. Fitting Opposed-none. Abstaining-L. Fitzgerald.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS-none

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

VIII. ZONING REFERRALS: [Connecticut General Statute (CGS) 8-3a]-none

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

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bylaws:

G. Goeschel submitted the redline version of the bylaws to the Commission.

MOTION: (Williams/Davison) to approve the bylaws as amended. Vote: APPROVED unanimously

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Affordable Housing Plan

G. Goeschel informed the members that during the last legislative session there were a number of changes. Every town has to update their Affordable Housing Plan (AHP) every five years. The next one for East Lyme is due in 2022. G. Goeschel said he has an intern that will update the housing inventory. He suggested the commission consider a subcommittee to update the plan. There are some requirements, such as towns will now have to allow accessory apartments as an as of right activity. There can be conditions attached to the accessory apartments. The town may opt out of the requirement with a recommendation from the Planning Commission and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

The state is requiring mandatory education for land use commissions at four hours a year for each member.

G. Goeschel informed the members that there are grants for helping towns to develop and research an affordable housing plan. The Commission stated they would like the town planner to pursue the \$15,000 grant for the purpose of developing the Affordable Housing Plan.

The members would like to have the AHP as a regular agenda item.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: (Davison/Fitzgerald) to adjourn at 7:39. Vote: APPROVED Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Spang,
Recording Secretary

2021 Meeting dates: August 10, September 14, October12, November 9, December 14.

Liaison Schedule:

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