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EAST LYME PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, JANUARY 15th, 2013
MINUTES

Bruce D. Green
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

PRESENT: Brian Schuch, Chairman, Frank Balantic, Secretary, Ernie Covino, Carolyn Nee, Rita Palazzo, Francine Schwartz, Alternate, Sami Yousuf, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine Ladd, Alternate
Gary Goeschel, Planning Director

ABSENT: Joan Bengtson, Rita Palazzo

Chairman Schuch called this Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:02 PM. He noted that he had seated Francine Schwartz, Alternate and Sami Yousuf, Alternate at the table this evening.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

I. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Schuch asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.
There were none.

II. Public Delegations

Public Delegations is the time when members of the public are invited to speak to the Commission about certain matters. Issues or concerns related to approved subdivisions under construction (Item VI) and in-house proposals or general topics of discussion (Item VIII) are open to comment. Items, referrals, or applications subject to a decision by the Commission, a public hearing, or in litigation may not be discussed. The members of the Commission will not directly answer questions or make comment during delegations.

Mr. Schuch called for Public Delegations.
There were no Public Delegations.

III. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2012

Mr. Schuch called for any discussion or corrections to the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2012.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Covino moved to approve the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2012 as presented.

Ms. Nee seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

IV. Zoning Referrals (CGS 8-3a)

There were none.

V. 8-24 Referrals (Municipal Improvements)

There were none.

VI. Other Business

▪ **New Business**

There was none.

▪ **Old Business**

1. Discussion of Updates to the Plan of Conservation & Development

Mr. Goeschel passed out a time line that had been prepared by Ms. Nee.

Ms. Nee explained the time line schedule that she had prepared as had been discussed at the previous meeting. (Chapters 1 – 4 and 7 & 8)

Mr. Covino recalled that the subcommittee for the EDC – Chapter 4 had agreed to work on the revisions via Google.docs as it provides a record of the changes.

The Commissioners were in consensus that was what they had decided.

Ms. Nee explained how the schedule works – providing time for reviews in between – with the goal of being done by the end of May 2013 on chapters 2, 4, 7 & 8. It was agreed that Chapters 1 and 3 could be removed from the schedule as they were updated in 2009.

Mr. Goeschel and Mr. Balantic suggested putting all the updated Chapters to Public Hearing at the same time. Mr. Goeschel added that it is a Commission initiated Public Hearing so they are the 'driver' and considering that there are legal notice advertising costs – it would be cost effective to do them at the same time.

Ms. Nee said that she would update the schedule for their next meeting.

Mr. Schuch said that at their February 5, 2013 meeting that a draft of Chapter 2 would be discussed.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Nee for the timeline.

VII. Reports

1. Chairman

Mr. Schuch said that he did not have anything further to report.

2. Ex-Officio – Rose Ann Hardy

Ms. Hardy noted that she is their Ex-Officio and that she did not have anything to report at this time.

3. Zoning Representative

Mr. Balantic reported that at the January 3, 2013 Zoning Meeting they had approved a mixed use facility for the former Norton Marine Repair area and the former Holdridge site would be a wholesale and retail building supply company. The Zoning Official had also passed out paperwork to the members regarding a Landmark lawsuit, and there is a new building going in near the Yankee Clipper on West Main St.

Mr. Schuch asked for a back up for the January 17, 2013 meeting in the event that it is necessary.

Mr. Covino volunteered.

4. Regional Planning Commission Representative – Brian Schuch, Luane Lange

Mr. Schuch said that he would get in touch with Ms. Lange regarding the meeting.

5. Subcommittees

• **Sustainable Development and Climate Adaptation – (Gary Goeschel, Francine Schwartz)**

Mr. Goeschel said that he has been in touch with people from the Nature Conservancy who have said that they would continue the work that they started.

6. Staff/Communications

Mr. Goeschel reported that he had met with Mr. Formica on the budget and that it is intact so far.

7. Art Carlson – Chairman – Natural Resources Commission – Open Space Presentation

Mr. Carlson, Chairman of the Natural Resources Commission gave an Open space presentation for the benefit of the new members on the Commission.

VIII. Executive Session

Mr. Schuch called for a motion to enter Executive Session.

****MOTION (3)**

Ms. Nee moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:17 PM inviting Ms. Ladd & Ms. Hardy to attend.

Ms. Schwartz seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

****MOTION (4)**

Ms. Nee moved to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session with no action taken at 8:31 PM.

Mr. Covino seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION (5)**

Mr. Covino moved to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Planning Commission at 8:32 PM.

Ms. Schwartz seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary

